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President's Message

We all look forward to receiving the monthly publication of *Trees of Wilson* in our mail boxes. Editor Sue Powell does an excellent job of producing *Trees* for the Society. Sue puts a lot of time and research into each issue, and I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for all your hard work, Sue!

We would like for you all to help with the newsletter. Any member can contribute material of genealogical interest pertaining to families with connections in Wilson County and its neighboring and parent counties.

Trees has been helpful to so many members in gathering their family histories. A member from New Haven, Connecticut, writes "I enjoy the info published in *Trees of Wilson*." A member from Glen Allen, Virginia, writes "I enjoy reading the *Trees* and have found lots of information. Thanks for all hard work from the officers." A Wilson member and local historian stated, "The last two issues actually included some of my family info that I did not have."

You may have that one piece of information that will help another member fill in a missing link in their own research. WCGS is all about sharing with each other, so please send your family histories!

How to get the information to the editor? You can type it in a word program and email to wcgs@earthlink.net or copy to a disk and mail. If you do not have a word program, send your copies to WCGS, PO Box 802, Wilson NC 27894-0802.

I look forwarding to hearing from you!

Wanda Lamm Taylor

JANUARY 29TH MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Conference Room, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our regular meeting on January 29th. in the Conference Room reached by going through the Adult Fiction Collection.

At this meeting, Guy Cox will speak about his memories of growing up in Wilson during the years before World War II. Mr. Cox, son of William and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Cox, grew up in the area bounded by Nash, Pine, and Kenan Streets and Raleigh Road. Mr. Cox gave a version of his recollections at the 2007 Wilson Historic Properties Award Ceremony, and he was very interesting and entertaining. He told stories about the people who lived in the area, where they lived, and what they did. Even if you did not have relatives who lived in Wilson at that time, you will hear what life was like for your parents during those years.

2008 DUES

It is time to pay your 2008 dues for membership in the Wilson County Genealogical Society. Many of you have already sent your payments; however, many still have not.

If dues are not paid by the end of January, members may not receive any additional issues of *Trees of Wilson* until they are paid.

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here one of his recipes and will continue to publish them in future issues of *Trees*.

Receipt For Making Bitters.

To make one gallon, take a large grasp of flux weed and as much woods bitney, and a large grasp of popplar root bark and a few small pieces of persimmon tree root split in small pieces wood bark and all, and get a large chip of a light wood root of a long leaf pine that runs across a path the pine must be a green one, put them in a pot with a bout two gallons of water, boil it down to about one gallon, take it off the fire and let it cool, then take, blue stone and alum take about as much again alum as you do bluestone and pulverize together then put two teaspoonfulls in a jug poar the bitters in the jug and shake well, this is good for good many deseases if you have taken a dose of poison take a teacup two thirds full of the bitters every twenty five minutes until you throw it up, this bitters will act as an euretic in any case if you have time before giving the bitters make a tea of the flux weed and woodsbitney and give just a cup full or two and then the bitters, this bitters acts on the liver as corrects the bile if you give a puke, and don't throw up after taking 2 or 3 doses add a little more blue stone and alum in the dose after you cleanse the stomach take 3 small doses a day, one third of a cup full is sufficient for a dose, and after you take the dose eat a little cold corn

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GASSENIA GATLIN BARNES OBITUARY

***Wilson Daily Times*, October 10, 1917**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

MR. GASEY BARNES

After an illness of two weeks with pneumonia, Mr. Gasey Barnes departed this life unto everlasting life where immortal reigns.

When on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock the Lord said come unto me all that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Mr. Barnes was fifty-four years of age, and was always patient, tender and kind.

He leaves a wife and five children, four brothers and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

The funeral was conducted from the residence by Rev. Richard Bagby.

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[Editor's note: As recorded in the Wilson County 1860 Federal Census, the family of William Barnes, age 35, carpenter, Harriet, age 30, and Gassenia, age 8 months, lived in Wilson District.

The 1870 census recorded William Barnes, age 47, plough shop worker, and Harriet, age 36, as living in Wilson Township. Living with them were Gacenia, age 11, working on the farm; Burrell, age 9; Benjamin, age 7; Lawrence, age 4; and Willie, age 1 month.

William G. Barnes wrote his will April 27, 1880, and it was presented in court May 11, 1880. He left all his real and personal property to his wife Harriet. His land was described as bounded by Calvin Barnes Bryant, S. Barnes, and Dr. C. C. Peacock.

In the 1880 census, Harriet Barnes, age 48, lived south of Plank Road, Nash Street, Nash Road, in Wilson Township. Her sons Gassina Gatlin, age 20, working on the farm; John B., age 18, farm laborer; Benjamin Exum, age 16, farm laborer; Lawson T., age 13; and Willie Gray, age 10, farm worker; lived with her.

The marriage of Gassey Barnes, age 24, to Nancey Taylor, age 18, was performed on October 13, 1883, by C. Barnes, J. P.

As recorded in the 1900 census, Gassey B. Barnes, farmer, born September 1857, and his wife, of 16 years, Nancy, born 1863, with 4 births and 4 living children, lived in Stantonsburg Township. Their children Rosella, born October 1886, farm laborer; Mamie, born September 1887, farm laborer; Benjamin F., born September 1891; and Cleveland V., born December 1895; lived with them.

The Maplewood Cemetery grave of Gassie B. Barnes, was recorded by the WPA with these dates: born September 23 1859, died May 3, 1917.

Sources: *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1860*, Joan L. Howell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870,* Joan L. Howell; *Abstracts of Wills, Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin, III; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1880,* J. Robert Boykin, III; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Vol. I,* J. Robert Boykin, III; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe]

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bread, to take the taste out of your mouth. This bitters is the best remedy for erysipelas, the world has ever discovered when you apply this for that desease put double the quantity of bluestone and alum as you do to drink, then take a cloth large enough to double and cover the deseased part keep the cloth wet with the bitters and bind it to the deseased part, this is good for shingles and all other enflamations, itch, eruptions &c. Make the bitters in a vessel clear of greese.

PETITIONS TO EXEMPT J. R. CHAMBERLAIN FROM TAX AND LICENSE

N. C. State Archives, G. A. S. R., Nov. 1874-Mar. 1875, Box 15
Folder: Petitions to Exempt J. R. Chamberlain of Wilson Co., N. C., from the tax upon the sale of goods, Feb. 6th
Contributed by Grace W. Turner

Affixed to the document was this newspaper clipping with the handwritten date Nov. 20th '74

NOTICE.

Application will be made to the present Legislature to exempt J. R. Chamberlain from the tax imposed for selling goods and other articles in the State.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina.

We the undersigned Citizens of Wilson and adjoining counties of the State aforesaid,
Do petition and ever Pray your honorable Body in behalf of our esteemed and afflicted friend and fellow Citizen, Mr. J. R. Chamberlain who is anxious to obtain an honest Living for his wife and little Children, who are dependent upon him for their Support, but who can do nothing in the way of manual Labor owing to his afflicted conditions; which you can see by the accompanying certificate of the Physicians of this community, and the Tax and Licence of this State are So high; and he not having the means to pay them; in order that he might Sell merchandise of Some Kind through the county; we therefore ever Pray your honorable Body to pass Such an act as to exempt him from all Tax and License, of the State, allowing him to Sell any where in the State, in order that he may make an honest living for himself and family

W. J. Exum
M. A. Exum
E. H. Exum
B. B. Exum
J. B. Exum
A. E. Exum
W. P. Exum M. D.
J. H. Exum
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L. G. Hinnant
J. E. Brothers M. D.
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W. S. Dunn
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Alex Greene
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J. A. Lane
B. F. Lane
B. B. Lane
S. A. Lane
L. E. Lane
P. E. Hines
C. J. Rountree

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B. A. Tyson
T. A. Gay
A. W. Rowland
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Q. A. Bynum
A Branch
John L. Weaver
G. W. Stanton
M. T. Moye
H. M. Thompson
L Thompson
A Joyner
Wm Thompson
William Bagly
R. A. Willis
Countys of Pitt and Greene
Robt Ellis
L E Ellis
A L Ellis
John L. Bynum Greene
Oliver Murphy
Jno Jones
Benjamin Dail
Benjamin L Dail
Joseph F Dail
Thomas Hughes
Josiah J. Hughs
Edwin G. Hughs
O. H. Pearce
W. P. Grimsley
S. G. Moore
C H Harper
Y W Hart
G. F. M. Dail
W. H. Wooten

___ W. Jones
James F. Jones
F. W. Dixon
Henry Jones
Henry Turner
Thomas Jones
Jas M Barfield
Josiah Exum
W. H. Dail
Al___ ___ Hart
Wm F. Dail
L C Pridgen
D. A. Sugg
Wm. J. Clark
J T Barrett
J. R. Dixon
Jeremiah Fields
Taylor Burrow
T W Carr
J R Moore
J Anderson
H. W. Askew
S. R. Perry
W. T. Beaman
W. A. Hyman
M. R. Tyson
Benj Belcher
George Belcher
L. P. Beardsley
William May
Arch Flaninggan
Jacob Joyner
Joshua Spate

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JACOB BARNES WILL, 1867
Wilson County, Recorded in Book No. 1, Page 132
Contributed by Jane Barnes Poston

I Jacob Barnes of the County of Wilson and State of North Carolina, being of Sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to Say:—

First, That my executor Shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item: I give to my beloved wife Anna two hundred and twenty five acres of land, the tract whereon I now live to have and to hold unto her the Said Anna for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood, in Satisfaction and in lieu of her dower and third, and it is further my will that if my wife Anna attempts in any way to dispose of her interest in all or any part of the above named land, that her interest instantly cease. I also give to my wife Anna one horse (her choice), two cows and calves, one bed, bedstead and furniture, one pair of cards and wheel, one frying pan, one pot, one kettle or skillet, one Spider, one Set of knives and forks, half dozen Spoons, one Table, one chest, one Trunk, one loom and gear, one Tub, one water bucket, one wash basin, one copper pot, one Tray and Sive, one meal gum and barrel, for her use during the term of her natural life and widowhood.

Item: I give and devise to my daughter Zilpha Ann Barnes all that tract of land containing about Two hundred and twenty five acres whereon I now live, except the life estate of my wife devised in a former item to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple for ever. I also give to my daughter Zilpha Ann So much of the goods and chattels given to my wife in a former item, that may be in her (my wife's) possession) possession at the time of her death. I also give to my daughter Zilpha Ann three Negroes, Milbry, Hannah and Milbry Dane, and their increase from the date of this will; also one bed, bedstead and furniture, one desk, two safes, one china press, one large chest, half my Kitchen furniture, one wheel and pair of cards, one cow and calf, one horse, farming tools for one horse and hand, one cart and wheels.

Item: It is my will that my executor Sell two Negroes Ephoaigm and Randall, and out of the proceeds of this Sale my executor Shall pay to the heirs of Samuel Barnes, three hundred dollars to be equally divided between them, with the exception that Henry Barnes, one of the heirs of the Said Samuel, be paid nothing.

Item: That my executor pay to the heirs of James Hinnant, three hundred dollars (out of the proceeds of the above Sale) to be equally divided between them.

Item: That my executor pay to the heirs of Noel Barnes three hundred dollars (out of proceeds of above sale) to be divided equally between them.

Item: I give to my daughter Sally Fulghum two hundred and twenty five dollars, which I desire my executor to retain in his possession and pay to her the Said Sally Twenty five dollars annually, or in larger Sums if he deem it needful, until he Shall have paid her the whole amount and should she die before the whole amount is paid to her, then I direct the balance to be paid to her heirs.

Item: I give to my daughter Milly Stansell one Negro, Yilly and her increase, for the term of her natural life and after her death to her heirs.

Item: I give to my Son Elias Barnes five Negroes, Eliza, Chany and one child, Rose and Elly and their increase from the date of this will; also, I give to my son Elias Barnes all my notes money and other property of whatsoever description that may be left after paying off debts, legacies and all other just demands against my estate.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my Trusty Son Elias Barnes my lawful executor to all intent and purposes, to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the Same and every part and item thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other testaments and wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the Said Jacob Barnes do hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 27th day of December AD 1859.

his
Jacob X Barnes
mark

Signed, Sealed, published and declared
by the Said Jacob Barnes to be his
last will and testament in the presence
of us, who at his request and in his
presence do Subscribe our names as
witnesses thereto
Gideon Hays
Silas Lucas

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I, Jacob Barnes having inadvertently omitted to give Edwin Barnes the son of Thany Barnes and Jesse Hinnant the son of Thany Barnes to give them any thing do hereby request my executor to pay Edwin Barnes one hundred and Seventy five dollars and Jessee Hinnant two hundred dollars

Witness
Gideon Hays
Silas Lucas

his
Jacob X Barnes
mark

Court of P & Q Sessions
Jany Term & A. D. 1868

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob Barnes deceased is exhibited in open court for probate by Elias Barnes the executer therein named and the due Execution thereof by the said Jacob Barnes is proven upon the oath and examination of Gideon Hays and Silas Lucas the Subscribing witnesses thereto It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the Said Jacob Barnes and the Same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Elias Barnes the Executor as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law

___ ___ B F Briggs

State North Carolina
Wilson County

Superior Court of Law
Fall Term 1867

Elias Barnes ___
vs.
Simon Barnes

This cause coming on the following Jury ___ Empannelled to Wit R. L. Wyatt, A. G. Ruffin, Wm Barnes, Jr., Nathan Hales, Baker Wilson, Jno Selby, Stephen Barnes, Elias Robbins, Louis Taylor, James Boyette, Hilliard Mitchele, Wm Dixon who find that the Paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Jacob Barnes Decsd and Codicil thereunto attached is the last will & testament of the said Jacob Barnes & it is hereby ordered that a writ of ___ ___ to the Co Court of Court aforesaid to admit said Paper Writing to probate & that further proceedings be had therein according to law

Judgment against Defendant for Cost

I Thomas J Rowe Clerk of the Superior Court of law do certify that the above proceeding is a correct Statement of the record

T. J. Rowe Clk

JACOB BARNES

Jacob Barnes, son of Samuel and Sarah Renfrow Barnes, and grandson of John and Christian Barnes of Wayne County, married first to Patience Renfrow, daughter of Noel Renfrow and wife Charity "Cherry" Hinnant, and second to Anna Grimes.

Jacob and Patience had at least six children:

Asa Barnes married Bethany Fulghum, daughter of John and Sarah Fulghum.

Samuel Barnes married Zilpha. Their children, as named in his will made in 1857, were Penny, Nancy, Stephen, Bynum, James, Sally, Millia, Bethania, Martha, and Zilphia.

Noel Barnes married Nancy Hinnant, daughter of Joshua R. Hinnant and wife Charity Creech. Their children were Seney, Josiah, Cherry, James, Rufus, Mary, Penny, Rebecca, and John Q.

Milly Barnes married William Stancil, son of John Stancil and wife Zilphia Grice.

Elias Barnes married Zilphia Stancil.

Sally Barnes married a Fulghum.

Jacob Barnes and his second wife Anna had one child, Zilphia Ann who married Josiah Hinnant.

Thany Barnes, named in Jacob's will, is believed by some Barnes researchers to have been the wife of Asa Barnes. Other researchers believe that she was another child of Jacob and Patience.

Jacob and Patience's children Samuel and Noel were deceased when Jacob wrote his will, and he left their shares to their heirs. The children of Thany Barnes were left bequests in the same manner which could be interpreted as Thany having been another child who was deceased. It would also infer that Thany had married twice, first to a Barnes, second to a Hinnant.

Another factor to consider is that both Edwin and Jesse were born after Asa married Bethany. If so, how did Jesse get the last name Hinnant? Is this will the only basis for naming Edwin as a son of Asa?

Edwin Barnes, born about 1824, married before 1850 to Priscilla Tomlinson. Jesse Hinnant, born about 1831, lived with William and Milley Stancil in 1850.

If any Barnes researchers have additional documentation about this research problem, we would be happy to include it in a future issue of *Trees.*

(Dr.) WILLIE JORDAN BATTS

Hugh Buckner Johnston

Willie Jordan Batts, son of Bailey Batts and Esther Jordan, was born February 28, 1819, in Edgecombe (now Wilson) County, North Carolina, and died in Wilson on October 29, 1902, being buried in Maplewood Cemetery. In 1839 he first married Elizabeth Williford, daughter of Hartwell Williford. She was born in 1818 and died on August 8, 1850. On November 5, 1851, he married secondly Ann Eliza Poland, daughter of Williamson and Mary Poland; bonded by Calvin (X) Moore. Ann was born on September 27, 1830, in Nash County and died on August 14, 1909, in Wilson.

As early as 1853 he began his practice as a botanic physician. Whether he was self-taught or studied under the tutelage of some earlier practitioner is now unknown, but he was active for over forty-eight years, and his abilities were widely known and respected within a radius of twenty miles or more. He was particularly successful in the breaking of fevers and the healing of all kinds of wounds and infections. The local midwives usually sent for him in cases of delayed or abnormal delivery. In all or most of his treatments he assisted nature by the external or internal application of remedies that he personally compounded from both commercial drugs and the leaves, roots, barks, and sometimes fruits of the many local trees and plants whose medicinal properties were known to him.

College-educated surgeons and physicians were not very numerous in the rural areas in those days, nor did they have knowledge of or access to the myriad drugs and preparations that have been developed over the past seventy or eighty years. Consequently, it was possible for a skilled botanic physician to equal and occasionally surpass the practical results of treatments by a regular physician. Not every so-called "herb doctor" was a man of genuine intuitive ability, but those like Dr. Batts performed an important yet almost wholly unrecorded service in the alleviation of human suffering.

Willie J. Batts was reared in a well-to-do planting family and was provided with the rudiments of learning. In 1848-52 he became one of the earliest landowners in the Town of Wilson. For several years he served as a Justice of the Peace. He became a member of Upper Town Creek Primitive Baptist Church on September 18, 1852, and was elected Clerk on September 17, 1853. In March 1869, he was excluded from fellowship because of his Free-Will views but was eventually restored in July of 1899.

From 1862 to 1865 Willie J. Batts served in the Wilson County Home Guard Company. Under the North Carolina Act of March 8, 1909, his widow Annie Eliza (X) Batts applied for a pension on June 30, 1909, being at that time residing with her son James B. Batts at 311 Maplewood Avenue, Wilson, N. C. Her witnesses to the accuracy of her claim were George W. Mumford and George Rowland.

The home which he completed in October or November of 1840 still stands in good condition on the left side of U.S. Highway 301 just north of Rosebud and about three miles south of Elm City, but its original appearance has been somewhat modernized.

In the Edgecombe County Census of 1840, District 4, only he and his wife were listed. In the Census of 1850 they had two children in school, three younger ones, and property valued at $1,100 (p. 104). In the Wilson County Census of 1860, Joyner's and Gardner's District, Joyner's Post Office, he and his second wife had nine children at home, real property worth $2,500, and personal property worth $735 (p. 648, 643). In the Census of 1870, Gardner's District (No. 6), they were still described as farmers, with seven children, and property valued a $1,300. They kept a record of the vital statistics of the family in a Bible printed at Rochester in 1850. (In 1960 the Bible was owned by Mrs. C. H. Coward, 1441 Bay View Boulevard, Norfolk, Va.)

On November 22, 1848, Arthur Farmer sold Willie J. Batts and Medey E. Williford for $25, one acre in the Town of Wilson west of the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road adjoining John Lodge and Lots No. 3, 2, and 1; witnessed by James G. Williford and H. W. Peel (Edgecombe County Deed Book 25, p. 361). On August 20, 1850, Willie J. Batts of Edgecombe County sold Meedy E. Williford for $92 a tract of 27 acres adjoining J. Farmer, said Williford, and James J. Taylor; witnessed by L. H. Hays and Baker B. Armstrong (Deed Book 25, p. 354). On January 2, 1851, Willie J. Batts and Medy E. Williford sold Willis Fleming for $125 a half-acre lot in the Town of Wilson adjoining John W. Farmer, said Williford, the Rail Road, and Mason Street; witnessed by C. G. Wilkinson and Benjamin Bynum (Deed Book 25, p. 388).

On February 24, 1852, Willie J. Batts and Medy Williford sold Willis Fleming for $36 a half-acre lot west of the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road adjoining Wesley Swift, said Fleming, and Mason Street; witnessed by R. H. Pender and W. Y. Moore (Deed Book 25, p. 563). On January 1, 1858, Willie J. Batts of Edgecombe County sold L. M. Hays of Nash County for $2,100 a tract of 248 acres south of White Oak Swamp adjoining Guilford Horn, the County Road, and Owens; witnessed by George N. Lewis and Jeremiah Batts (Wilson County Deed Book 1, p. 433). On January 27, 1858, Jeremiah Batts of Edgecombe County sold Willie J. Batts of Wilson County for $964.50 a tract of 242 acres on White Swamp adjoining the County Road, Owens, and William Batts; witnessed by R. H. O'Neal (Deed Book 1, p. 476).

On August 5, 1859, James B. Gardner owed William Tomlinson $1,070, W. W. Batts $75, Moses Joyner $100, and Patrick Bryan $75, to cover which debts he mortgaged to Willie J. Batts 107 acres east of the Rail Road adjoining Jacob D. Farmer, Seborn Farmer, and E. E. Cobb; also a horse, 20 hogs, buggy, household and kitchen furniture, and all the crops; witnessed by Redman Batts (Deed Book 1, p. 502). On January 10, 1866, Willie J. and Ann Eliza (X) Batts sold W. C. Batts for $700 a tract of 76 acres on the Joyner's Depot Road and adjoining Marsh Branch, White Swamp, and Grey Williams; witnessed by David L. Batts (Deed Book 2, p. 574).

On December 29, 1868, Willie J. Batts and Ann Eliza (X) Batts sold Levi M. Hayes for $300 a tract of 120 acres on Marsh Branch and White Swamp adjoining John D. Williams, said Hayes, Owens, William Batts, and William C. Batts; witnessed by P. M. Briggs. The deed stated that the land was sold in order to raise money for a petition and counsel fees "to file his petition in Bankruptcy" (Deed Book 2, p. 602). They were one of the many Wilson County families, formerly in comfortable circumstances, who were

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virtually ruined by the Civil War and the so-called Reconstruction Government. In 1878 they gave up trying to farm and bought the small lot with a house in the fork of the road where they lived for the next twenty-one years.

On February 3, 1870, Wiley J. Batts mortgaged for $400 in advances by M. Rountree & Co. of Wilson, the homeplace of 78 acres adjoining Sarah Flowers, Joseph Batts, and Benjamin Selby; one mule, one horse, and the crops; witnessed by Thomas J. Hadley (Deed Book 3, p. 700). On March 30, 1871, Willie J. Batts owned notes of $274.95 and $50, and for an additional $200 necessary to produce a crop he mortgaged the aforesaid homeplace; witnessed by T. J. Hadley (Deed Book 4, p. 591). On February 6, 1872, Willie J. and Ann Eliza (X) Batts owed $1,110 and mortgaged to M. Rountree & Co. the tract of 76 acres in Joyner[1]s Township adjoining John Selby, Gray L. Williams, and the Heirs of Sally Flowers, it being the land "on which the said W. J. Batts now lives"; witnessed by James S. Woodard (Deed Book 5, 455).

On February 6, 1872, William C. and Bettie Batts sold Willie J. Batts for $500 a tract of 76 acres as described above (Deed Book 5, p. 453). On March 15, 1874, Willie J. and Eliza (X) Batts mortgaged to Jesse P. Dixon, over a debt of $1,451.80, "a certain tract or parcel of land on which the said W. J. Batts now lives lying in Gardner's Township," 76 acres adjoining Gray L. Williams, John Selby, J. J. Batts, and the heirs of Sally Flowers; witnessed by J. R. Williams (Deed Book 8, p. 62). On July 3, 1878, Willie J. and Eliza (X) Batts sold Jesse P. Dixon for $1,950 the preceding tract of 76 acres, paying the mortgage in full on July 10 (Deed Book 14, p. 3). On February 22, 1899, W. J. and Eliza (X) Batts deeded to W. E. Batts "the Elizabeth Church lot" that they had bought from William and Elizabeth Church, about three-quarters of an acre "lying in the fork of the old and new road"; witnessed by H. C. Williams (Deed Book 49, p. 86).

CHILDREN OF WILLIE J. BATTS AND ELIZABETH WILLIFORD

1. William Calvin Batts, born October 2, 1840.
2. David Lawrence Batts, born July 20, 1842.
3. Martha Ann Mehala Batts, born December 27, 1844.
4. John Louis Dicken Batts, born February 18, 1847; died May 4, 1895, in Wilson, North Carolina. According to his military record, he was five feet and two inches tall, of light complexion, and had gray eyes and dark hair. On April 16, 1864, he enlisted at Wilson as a private in Company H, 2nd North Carolina Junior Reserves Regiment, C.S.A. The company muster roll for September and October, 1864, the last on file, show him absent on detached service. Clothing was issued to him as late as December 31, 1864, but no later record of him has been found. This organization was disbanded about April 26, 1865. After the War he married Charlotte Ann Exum (born 1846; died February 18, 1921, in the old Wilson Sanatorium). They had no children. The 1860 Census shows that Nevil Exum (born 1868), niece, and Lula? Langley (born 1870), niece, were living with them. On February 8, 1883, John E. Woodard sold to Charlotte A. Batts (wife of John W. Batts) and Bettie Langley for $1,200 a lot in Wilson, 144' x l05', east of the Rail Road at Vance Street (Deed Book 19, p. 411). On February 8, 1895, John W. and Charlotte A. Batts mortgaged their interest in the lot east of the Railroad at Vance Street (Deed Book 38, p. 244). On November 10, 1899, administrator Charles E. Moore vs. Heirs for settlement of his estate (Special Proceedings, Book 4, p. 367pf). On December 7, 1899, administrator Charles E. Moore sold the mortgaged lot (Deed Book 53, p. 317). In the last years of his life John Batts operated a store on the east side of Goldsboro Street in Wilson. On April 23, 1891, J. L. D. W. Batts had bought lots no. 35 & 36 in Maplewood Cemetery, where he, his parents, and other family members were buried.
5. Mary Ann Batts, born May 2, 1849; died unmarried April 2, 1891.

CHILDREN OF WILLIE JORDAN BATTS AND ANN ELIZA POLAND

6. Elizabeth Jane Batts, born June 2, 1853.
7. Thomas Ruffin Barnes Batts, born December 2, 1855; died September 26, 1886. He is buried in Maplewood Cemetery. He apparently died without issue. His will, made in Wilson County on September 20, 1886 and probated on September 25, 1886, listed Bettie Batts, wife of W. C. Batts, sister-in-law, and father, brothers, sisters unnamed (Will Book 2, p. 410).
8. Ann Eliza Batts, born December 24, 1857.
9. Rebecca Ann Nancy Batts, born October 9, 1859.
10. Washington David Batts, born January 16, 1862; died 1864.
11. Wiley Jordan Batts, Jr., born November 9, 1863; died unmarried February 3, 1942, in Petersburg, Virginia.
12. Leonidas Batts, born August 24, 1866.
13. Lucinda Frances Batts, born September 4, 1868.
14. James Benjamin Batts, born October 12, 1870.

[Editor's note: Not all generations of Mr. Johnston's Batts family file were among his papers at the time of his death. There was more as indicated in the file of Willie Jordan Batts' generation. We hope that the person to whom he loaned the remainder will one day share that file that it might be added and complete the file held by WCGS and contributed to the Wilson County Public Library.]

EARLY ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance 1st

No person or persons shall fire off or discharge within the limits of said town any gun, musket, pistol or any other species of fire arms. Or any rocket, crackers, fire balls, or other explosive contrivances, except by permission of the commissioners of said town. Nor shall any person or persons ride, drive, or cause to be rode or driven in the streets of said Town any horse, mule, or any other animal at an unusual or dangerous gait. Nor shall any person or persons play at bandy or any game in which missiles are thrown or used in the street of the inhabited portion of said Town under a penalty of one dollar for each & every violation of this ordinance.

Ordinance 2nd

No person or persons shall let or cause to be let any Stud Horse, or jackass to any mare within the limits of said Town nor shall any person lead, drive or ride for the purpose of exhibition any such Horse or Jackass through streets of said Town under penalty of five dollars, for each & every offence or violation of this ordinance.

ASA B. O'NEAL BIBLE
Contributed by Jerry Owens

Marriages.

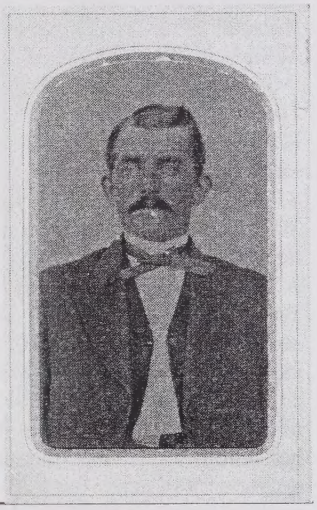
A. B. O'Neal and Toley V. Walker, were married Oct' 8th 1878.
Z. Motzno and Mary E. O'neal were married April 15th 1907

Births.

A. B. O'Neal was borned Dec 3d 1850.
Toley V. Walker was borned Feb' 29st 1864.
Pettigrew O'Neal was borned June 5th 1874.
Senorah O'Neal was borned Dec' 23d 1879.
Pansy Elloise O'Neal was borned Mc'h 29th 1884.
Charles Thomas O'Neal Born Sept 4th 1886.
Mary Elizabeth O'neal Born Dec. 2nd 1888
Z. Motzno Born Oct 1, 1886
Asa David Daniele Benjamin Motzo Born Dec. 12th 1907 at 1 30 pm (This entry was struck through.)
David Adolph Motzno Born Dec. 12th 1907
Tola Helene Motzno Born Dec 19th 1910

Deaths.

Senorah O'Neal Died May 14th 1879.
Pansy Elloise O'Neal Died Aug' 27th 1884.
A. B. O'neal died June 20th 1906
David Adolph Motzno Died May 8th 1908
Tola Helene Motzno Died May 7th 1911



Photographs of two unknown men and a woman on the first page of the photograph album in the O'Neal family Bible. His photograph (above) was taken by Watson's Gallery of Photographic Art, Fayetteville St., Raleigh, N. C. Her photograph was taken by L. W. Andrews, Studio of the Photographic Art, Raleigh, N. C. To the right is a reproduction of a tintype photograph from the same page of the album in the Bible.

[Editor's note: This Bible is an example of one of the more exciting aspects of Wilson County Genealogical Society. Mr. Owens had the task of closing his uncle's home after the uncle passed away. Among his possessions was a family Bible with names that did not seem to be connected to his family. The nephew has turned the Bible over to WCGS to try to find a descendant of the family and return the Bible to the family.

The Bible contained, in addition to the family marriage, birth, and death records, two family heirlooms and a photograph album containing fourteen photographs in excellent condition. One heirloom is the handwritten announcement/ invitation for the funeral of Pansy O'Neal.

The funeral services of little Pansy, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs A. B. O'Neal, will be held at the residence this evening at 5½ o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

The other heirloom is what I believe to be a valentine. Its center is cream satin surrounded by an elaborate paper doily. Pasted around the center edge of the doily and the center of the satin are paper appliqués of flowers and birds. At the bottom of the appliqués is a small banner with the words, "There is none I love so dearly. From you I'll never part."

The photographs are of eight males, four females, and two children (one an infant). All are well-dressed, handsome individuals. Some of the photographs are tinted tintypes and the others are photographs affixed to cardboard.

Any descendant would be thrilled to have these records of their ancestors.

My search for the family turned up these records:

Asa and Tolie O'Neal lived south of Nash Street, in the Town of Wilson, in Wilson County in 1880. Asa, 27, was a shoemaker. Tolie, his wife, was 17. Living with them were a son Peter, age 6; Tolie's mother Sallie Walker, age 43; her brother William F. Walker, age 16, shoe maker; and brother Henry D. Walker, age 13. All were born in North Carolina.

Tolia Walker was the daughter of Francis and Sallie H. Renfrow Walker who married in Nash County on April 20, 1862. In 1870, Francis Walker, age 52, farmer, and his wife Sallie H., age 32, lived in Washington Township in Nash County. Their children Nastolia, age 7; William T., age 6; and Henry D., age 3, were in the household. Francis Walker may have been the son of Jesse and Hanes Walker who lived in Nash County in 1850. Sally Renfrow may have been the daughter of Wilson and Cally Renfrow who lived in Nash County in 1850.

A search in Heritage Quest found these census records for a most interesting family.

In 1900, Asa O'Neil, born December 1852, age 47, married 21 years, born in North Carolina as were his parents, shoemaker, lived in Goldsboro Township, Wayne County, N. C. Living with him were his wife Tolie V., born February 1864 in N. C. as were her parents, age 36, 4 births, 2 living; their son Chars. T., born September 1886, age 23, born in N. C., at school; and daughter Mary E., born December 1888, age 11, born in N. C., at school. Their address was on West ___ (illegible).

(Continued on page 9)

MOCCASIN CREEK BRIDGE PETITION

N. C. State Archives, Nash Co., N. C., Bridge Records, 1779-1834, C.R. 069.925.3

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

North carrolinea Nash County July 29 – 1821

To the worshipful Court of Nash-----

Whereas your pertistioners have long laboured under the dis unreasonable task of keeping up one half of the bridge a cross Mocason Creek and allso a considerable part of Rode leading to the s^{d}. Bridge; and as it is too much for what hands there is to work on the Rode, as your Pertissioners shewith unto your worships; and also as the Sittisons of Johnson County who has to keep up on the other side of the Creek the other half of S^{d} bridge is desirous Make their side a bublick bridge your pertissioners Therefore prays that you would grant an order to Build one half of s^{d}. Bridge on the Exspence of the publick and apoint Commissioners To Mannage the same and your petissionsers Will be as Ever Induty bound to Pray &C &C

Peoples Names

Moses Smelly	John Sanders	James Ricks	Hardy Grizzell	Noah Edwards [?]
Jethro Harrison	Jacob Roice	Josiah Davis	Bridges Smelley	John Williams
Weeks Williams	Barden Williams	John Manning	Jonathan Wells	William Taylor
Hanson Taylor	John Farmer	James Winbourn	Allen Taylor	Larrey Taylor
Richard Hogg	Kinchen Eatman	Dempsey Deans	David Whitley	GranberryWilliams
Joel Tisdell	Henry Horn Junr	Giber Lewis	Isaac ___	Alsey High
Thomas Williamson	Irwin Boykin	James Deans	Arthur Tomlinson	John Lewis Junr
Jonathan Beck	Thomas Sanders	Warren Lewis	Orren Beck	Harris Horn
Sion Sanders	Wilson Wells	Arthur Davis	Brinkley Dickinson	Thomas Naron [?]
	William Eatmon	Stephen Boykin	Elisha Tisdell	Green Lewis

*(**Asa O'Neal Bible,** continued from page 8)*

Pett O'Neil, born June 1874, age 24, stone cutter, and his wife Mattie, born January 1881, age 19, no births, lived in the household of her parents. Albert Pearsell, born August 1856, age 48, merchant, and his wife of 38 years Lou, born January 1862, age 38, 3 births, 3 children living, lived on Jarvis Street in Goldsboro Township in Wayne County. Also living in the household were their other two children Charley, born December 1882, age 17, day laborer, and Maggie, born August 1889, age 10, at school.

Living on the East side of what appears to be the same street (but also illegible) in 1900 was the family of David and Mary Motzno. David Motzno was born in May 1857 in Russia as were his parents. He was age 43, married 17 years, and a shoemaker. His wife Mary was born in January 1863 in Russia as were her parents. She had given birth to 7 children, all living. Their children were Isaac, born January 1884 in Russia, age 16; Solman, born October 1886 in Russia, age 14; Joseph, born August 1888 in Russia, age 11; Nathaniel, born June 1880 in Russia, age 10; Moses, born November 1891 in Russia, age 8; Hattie, born February 1804 in Russia (later census records gave place of birth as North Carolina), age 6; and Samuel, born September 1896 in N. C., age 3. All members of the family were recorded as able to speak, read, and write English (perhaps Samuel could not read and write yet).

In 1910, Z. Motzno, age 23, married 3 years, born in Russia, alien, immigrated 1884[?], spoke English, merchant in retail store, owned his home, lived on Falls Road, Rocky Mount Township in Nash County, N. C. Living with him were his wife Mary, age 21, no births, clerk; and mother-in-law Tolie O'Neal, age 46, 2 children.

In 1910, David Motzno was listed twice in Goldsboro Township in Wayne County, N. C. One listing was perhaps his shop where he was recorded alone on Walnut Street as David Motzno, age 55, married 28 years, born in Russia-Polish as were both his parents, shoemaker who owned his shop, rented. The other listing was on an illegible street—110/130/141. David Motzno, age 54, married 27 years, born in Russia-Yiddish as were both his parents, immigrated in 1892, was a shoemaker who owned his own store. His wife Mary, age 48, was born in Russia-Yiddish as were both her parents, immigrated in 1892, had seven births and all seven children were living. Their children Hattie, age 16, born in N. C., and Samuel, age 14, born in N. C., lived with them.

In 1920, Zellic Motzno, age 34, born in Russia, mother tongue Hebrew, alien who immigrated in 1892, insurance agent for wages, lived in Baltimore, Maryland. Again the street is not legible. Living with him were his wife Mary E., age 31; and mother-in-law Tola V. Oneal, age 55, widow.

In 1920, Mary Motzno, age 59, born in Russia, married [?], immigrated in 1893, lived on 39th Street [?] in Norfolk County, Virginia. Living with her were her children Nathl J., age 30, born in Russia, immigrated in 1893, single, clerk in shoe store [?]; Hattie, age 25, born in N. C., single, stenographer for a freight company; and Samuel R., age 23, born in N. C., single, clerk in furnishings, all working for wages.

The 1930 census has not yet been loaded into Heritage Quest. I was unable to find either of Asa O'Neil's sons in the other census records for the counties near Wilson. Perhaps they moved farther away. I was unable to find any of the other Motzno family in the 1910 or 1920 census records. Perhaps they changed the spelling of their name.

We are still left with the puzzle of how the Bible came into the possession of Mr. Owens. A possibility is that it was left behind when the family moved out of state. The treasures that it contains would be of great interest and value to a descendant if one can be found out there somewhere. We would really like to pass it along.

One avenue that we plan to pursue would be through the faith of the Motzno family. If anything comes of that re-

COLONEL SAMUEL RUFFIN
Hugh Buckner Johnston

Samuel Ruffin, son of Colonel Henry John Gray Ruffin and wife Mary Tartt, was born on June 14, 1814, in Greene County, North Carolina. His father's family connections had long been active in the economic and social life of Edgecombe County; while his mother's parents, Elnathan Tartt and wife Obedience Thomas, represented two of the wealthiest and most prominent families of what is now Wilson County. His father sold 1,771 acres in Edge-combe County and purchased 770 acres in the present Wilson County, a large but as yet unknown acreage in Greene and Wayne Counties, and at least 1,030 acres in Franklin County, the cleared portions of which were being farmed by 152 slaves at the time of his death.

In 1835 Samuel Ruffin received his A. B. degree from The University of North Carolina, and not long afterward he decided to join a number of his kinsmen who were then trying their fortunes in Alabama. With the money and slaves (fifty-one by 1840) provided by his parents and augmented by his truly remarkable talent for the planting business, he began immediately to develop what was to become the largest cotton plantation in Choctaw County. With the coming of the Civil War, "at his own expense he equipped and sent to the field the first cavalry company from Alabama. This company was the Ruffin Dragoons, which obtained a high reputation under the command of F. Y. Gaines."

"He devoted great sums of money and large supplies during the war to the maintainance of the wives and children of Confederate soldiers, and was known far and near as the 'Soldier's friend.' There were regular collections made in those days of what were known as food supplies, and to these Col. Ruffin was a constant contributor, not only to the supply to be distributed in his own county, but to those of other counties. His generosity had no bounds, and the needy came from all the surrounding country, and even from the adjoining State of Mississippi, to seek his aid."

"Colonel" Ruffin is still remembered and honored in Alabama by the Choctaw County Chapter of The United Daughters of The Confederacy. It appears likely that his title was an honorary one because of his wealth, prominence, and remarkable public generosity. The "Ruffin Dragoons" with thirteen officers and one hundred nine privates became Company A, 3rd Alabama Cavalry Regiment, C. S. A., and left Mt. Sterling on September 25, 1861, under the command of Captain Frank Young Gaines who had been a classmate of U. S. Grant at West Point and had served under him in the Mexican War. Other officers were Regimental Colonel James Hagan of Mobile and Divisional General William T. Martin of General Joseph Wheeler's Cavalry Corps of the Army of Tennessee.

It appears that Colonel Ruffin "was in the habit of spending his summers with his relatives in North Carolina, and visiting Choctaw county in the winter months," but after his marriage he appears to have spent most of his time at Louisburg, [North Carolina], making occasional trips to check on his business affairs in Alabama. On November 24, 1875, he had married at Raleigh [North Carolina], Miss Annie Haywood, daughter of Senator William Henry Haywood and wife Jane Graham, but they had no children. She was born on March 28, 1829, and died on January 7, 1917, being buried in the Old Cemetery at Raleigh. Both were members of the Episcopal Church.

As a result of his renewed interest in Franklin County, Samuel Ruffin of Choctaw County paid Commissioner C. M. Cook $1,746 for the Kilpatrick Place of 436½ acres adjoining Mrs. Mary Ruffin and H. Griffin on January 1, 1872, in order to settle the estate of Sarah B. Ruffin who had died recently.[1] On November 3 of that same year he sold for $800 to Penninah Ruffin of Franklin County 250 acres from the Kilpatrick tract west of the Louisburg Road and adjoining Mary Ruffin and Briarit Bolton; witnessed, by Joseph J. Davis and W. H. Spencer.[2] On December 27, 1880, Commissioner Thomas White sold Samuel Ruffin of Franklin County for $504 a tract of 63 acres north of the Lou is burg Road adjoining J. A. May and Miss M. A. Arendell; witnessed by Joseph J. Davis.[3]

On Sunday, January 4, 1885, at Mobile, [Alabama] Colonel Ruffin was taken suddenly ill with a heart attack and was carried to the home of Sidney T. Prince of Toulminville. His condition was so critical that the "estimable lady" who was his wife was notified the next day by telegraph "and arrived in time to be present at the bedside" of her husband when he died on the night of January 8, 1885. She left Mobile for Raleigh with his remains on the Friday afternoon train. The final burial took place among his kinsmen in the graveyard on the old Ruffin plantation about two miles west of Louisburg.

His Obituary in *The News and Observer* of Raleigh on January 10, 1885, stated that "News was received here yesterday of the death of Col. Samuel Ruffin, a gentleman widely known and … a member of one of the most prominent families in the State. . . He was a gentleman of wealth and culture, genial in manner and liberal in disposition." *The Mobile Register* of January 10 and *The Choctaw Herald* of January 15[5] stated that he was "a gentleman well known in this community and throughout the South," and "was for many years a prominent man and perhaps the wealthiest planter in this State, his property being in Choctaw county."

1 Franklin County, Deed Book 42, p. 606.
2 Deed Book 41, p. 24
3 Deed Book 54, p. 297
4 Page 4, column 1
5 Vol. X, No. 2, p. 2.

NEW BOOKS AT WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- *Abstracts From The Edenton Gazette and Farmer's Palladium, Edenton, North Carolina, 1830-1831,* by Raymond Parker Fouts.
- *Abstracts From The Edenton Gazette and NC General Advertiser, Edenton, North Carolina, Extant Issues of 1822,1827-28 and 1829,* by Raymond Parker Fouts.
- *Camden County North Carolina (extant) Marriage Returns 1848-1919, including Cohabitation Records,* by Sharon Rea Gable.

(J.R. Chamberlain Petitions, continued)

We the undersigned Physicians being personally acquainted with Mr. J. R. Chamberlain of Stantonsburg Wilson County, North Carolina know him to be a man of honesty and integrity, and worthy the confidence of the people, and we are also well acquainted with his afflicted condition, having met with a Severe accident Some years ago which resulted in partial Paralicis of the extremities, and Some two years and a half ago another fall which So fractured his hip and bones of the Pelvis, that he has not walked a Step Since, nor never will again in our Judgement, neither can he Stand upon his feet, but must Sit in the position in which he is placed until he desires to be moved, when his attendant is Summond to his assistence and carried or placed in Such a position as his desire.

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MINUTES NOVEMBER 2007 MEETING

The meeting began with Sue Powell presiding for the last time in her present tenure. The guests were welcomed; the minutes were approved; a brief treasury report was given.

Sue gave an update on the Founding Families book which is being proofread by various members. She explained the special schedules in the census books and reminded us that we were still having an inventory reduction sale.

The Trees 2006 index was mailed with November Trees. Wanda Taylor has completed the calendar for 2008, and those present received theirs with the remainder to be mailed in the coming week. Dues for the coming year were accepted. All members are reminded that it is that time again!!

Officers for the coming year were installed:

President: Wanda Taylor
Vice-President: Dick Rountree
Secretary: Frances Roberson
Treasurer: Sue Powell
Board Members: Jerry Stancil, 3 year term
Phil Mooring, 1 year to complete vacant term

Programs for the coming year are being worked on and suggestions from members are welcome. Dr. Doug Rader will speak in the spring about Contentnea Quaker Church. He would like to have a work session with us to try to locate the land grants along the Contentnea Creek watershed.

Bill Kittrell from the Pitt County Society has done a cemetery survey of Pitt County and has two books available at the price of $50.00 plus shipping for both books.

Sue expressed her appreciation to the board members for their help, encouragement and support and to Carol Forbes and Dick Roundtree for their valuable services. She also thanked the WCGS membership for their patience, understanding and support.

We then enjoyed some great items brought by members for show and tell which was followed by refreshments and fellowship. The time was all too short!!

Frances W. Roberson

EARLY PHOTOGRAPHY

Clues to the O'Neal Bible Photograph Album

The process known as the tintype was perfected in 1856 and became more popular than the ambrotype by 1863. The tintype was "cheap and durable, could be mounted in albums, carried in a pocket, and sent through the mail. They were often hand-tinted." They remained in use until the early part of the twentieth century.

The card photograph, patented in France in 1854, was a photograph mounted on 2½ by 4 inch card stock. They were widely used until the early part of the twentieth century.

The tintype and card photographs gave rise to a new American tradition, the family album.

Only three of the photographs in the O'Neal album had any identifying marks. The photograph of the man, reproduced on page 8, was taken by Watson's Gallery of Photographic Art, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. John W. Watson (1828-1889), considered to be "the father of photography in North Carolina," opened this permanent gallery which became "one of the finest galleries in the state." He was active in Raleigh between 1865-1889; however, he practiced his art in other states in 1867, 1870-1872, and 1878-1882, and other parts of North Carolina in 1868, 1875-1877. He maintained a gallery on Center Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina in 1868, 1875-1877 operated by his son Hugh W. Watson during the last two years.

The photograph of the woman was taken by Lewis Washington Andrews (1837-1901) who was active in Raleigh in the 1880's. The third photograph (not pictured) with a photographer's identification was of a young man taken by W. S. Cooper Photographer, Mooresville, North Carolina. William S. Cooper (1846-1914) was active in Mooresville from about the 1890s-1910s.

Source: *Photographers in North Carolina, The First Century, 1842-1941,* compiled by Stephen E. Massengill

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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1870. $30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1900. $40.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume I $30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume II $30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume III $30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume IV $30.00
___ Wilson County's Architectural Heritage $20.00
___ Wilson County's Founding Families (prepublication) $35 .00 (tax included) **NEW**

Maps

___ Wilson County Historical Map $5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #1 $5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #2 $5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #3 $5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #4 $5.00
___ Town of Wilson, Map 1872 $5.00
___ Town of Wilson, Map 1882 $5.00
___ Wilson County Waterways $5.00

Miscellaneous (tax and shipping included on these items only)

___ Cemetery Finder (paper) donation $5.00
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TREES OF WILSON

Wilson's Family Heritage

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February 2008 Volume 17 Number 2

President's Message

Bring your genealogy to Life! Genealogy doesn't have to be all about a chart full of "greats" and "grands." You can have some fun also!

Ask a relative for a favorite family recipe then make it together with your children and grandchildren. When you sit down for dinner, just having Great-Grandma's favorite dish on the table will start a "Remember When" conversation about her life. Collecting family recipes and compiling a cookbook complete with memories will be cherished one day by all of your descendants.

Another fun project is to make a family timeline integrating marriages, births, deaths, immigration into events from American and world history.

Have fun with your photos! Line up photos of relatives from great-great-grandpa to your youngest child and see who has the same eyes, nose, face shape, hair or no hair. See how many first cousins favor.

You can interview your relatives. Ask questions about everyday life, for example, what was your favorite food when you were a child? What was your favorite book as a child? What did you do during the summer? What did your family do on Christmas Eve? What's your favorite memory from your wedding day? Answering questions like these will lead to many more stories. Don't forget to write them down, or, better yet, video them.

One of my favorite memories with my Granny was in 1994, five years before her death. Granny, my sister and I took a Sunday afternoon drive to her father's family cemetery with video camera in hand. Along the way we drove past her home place and "old stomping grounds" as she said, as Granny was telling us stories of growing up. Who lived where and what they did. At the cemetery we took video pictures of the tombstones as she told stories about her parents and grandparents. That is one day I'll always remember. I have the pictures to look at and her recorded voice to hear.

Start now and make some living history with your family!

Wanda Lamm Taylor

FEBRUARY 26TH MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our regular meeting on February 26th in the Assembly Room.

Jerry Stancil will speak to us about "Using Cemeteries in Your Family Research." Family cemeteries can tell us more than birth and death dates. Those buried there are together for a reason—there is a connection, of both the people and the land.

Upcoming programs:
March: Ward Sutton, Cemetery Relocation
April: Doug Rader, Contentnea Quaker Church

CORRECTIONS

Please make this correction in the "Jacob Barnes" article on page 5 of the January 2008 issue of *Trees of Wilson*:

"Noel Barnes married Nancy Hinnant, daughter of **Josiah** R. Hinnant and wife Charity Creech."

Please make this addition on the bottom of the January page of the 2008 calendar. The identification of the cover picture should be:

"Front: **William Henry Harrison holding Harvey Harrison, Oscar Harrison,** Bessie Harrison, Martha Ann Harrison sitting in chair."

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*"

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here one of his recipes and will continue to publish them in future issues of *Trees*.

A receipt for consumpted coughs and bowel deases.

Take one single handful of pipsiseiy 3 pods of red-peper one table spoonful of pulverized ginger put them in a kettle with a sufficient quantity of water to make a quart of tea when boiled sufficiently strain off the tea in a clean vessel then wash out the kettle and put it on a slow fire poar the tea back in the kettle add one pound of good sugar and one tablespoonful of pulverized alum then let it boil slowly until it gets nearly as thick as thin molasses then take it off and poar it in a bowl to cool too prevent an iron taste, when it gets cool add half pint of brandy or good whiskey then bottle it for use Directions an ___ ___ Take 3 or 4 times a day a large drami if the bowels becomes too costive give a little castor oil.

A receipt for bilious flux.

Take red shank root and split it up fine, take a single handful of it and a handful of persimmon tree bark put them in a kettle with a sufficient quantity of water to make a quart of tea, when it has boiled sufficiently take one table spoonful of baberry powders put them in a pitcher then poar the hot tea in the pitcher to the powders stir it well then let it cool and it will be ready for

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use drink of it freely in place of water Drink 4 or 5 drams a day of the lung syrup particular if the patient is suffering with extream in the bowels in all cases where the patient suffers with extream pain in the bowels give an ___ ___ tea warm the tea about blood heat sweeten with sugar add one teaspoonful of No. six, to a teacup ful of tea give two or three injections a day, let the diet be light and of something that will aid in healing the desease, Mutton is very good, Parsley an Eggs, sugar cakes made strong with ginger, boiled milk with batter made of flour and droped in it are all good diets

JANUARY 2008 WCGS MEETING

WCGS began 2008 on January 29th with Wanda Taylor, our new president, opening the meeting with a welcome to the members and guests. Minutes were approved as printed in Trees, and Sue Powell, our treasurer, gave a report on the major expenses for the past year, the existing money market and bank balance which include the sales from the forth coming book "Founding Families."

Sue reported that work is still coming slowly due to Henry's health problems, and several people who have parts of the book for proof reading have not returned them! That does present a problem, and other readers need to help complete that phase of the work.

Dues are still coming in slowly. Our members were reminded at the meeting and in Trees about the importance of paying dues on a timely basis for the issues of Trees to be mailed. Sue also had a graphic membership map of the entire country which show the many places our members live and receive the mailing each month.

There are still 2008 calendars for sale and as are some of the older calendars if in our inventory. Wanda requested that members submit information of genealogical interest to be used in Trees.

Dick Rountree and Carroll McArthur shared information from the Pitt County group, and we were reminded about the manuscript room at the ECU library and its wonderful availability of resource materials. The room is open on Sunday afternoons, and their website is a helpful resource. Dick also shared ways to detect a stroke immediately: ask the person to smile, say a simple sentence, raise both arms and to stick out their tongue. The tongue should be straight. This came from someone who had been successfully treated in a timely manner for a stroke!

Both copies of our 1900 census have been stolen from the genealogy room in Wilson County Public Library. The guilty person must either be a slow reader or have a large family!!!

Several members brought articles of interest. Carroll shared copies of articles written about Paul W. Tibbets, Jr., who died in November. He was the famed pilot of the Enola Gay on the mission that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Jerry Stancil will give our next program on using cemeteries on family searches, and Dr. Radar will make a return visit in the spring.

Sue read an interesting article from the Old Dobbs publication.

Having completed the business for the evening, Wanda welcomed Guy Cox, who needed no introduction. He has spoken to us in the past. This time he talked about growing up in Wilson, relating the struggles of that period but also telling about the closeness of families, friends and neighbors. Guy told of the many changes through the years as seen through his eyes as a child and a native Wilsonian. It was most interesting, and, as always, it was a pleasure to welcome him as a speaker.

Wanda thanked Guy, and we all had time to visit and share with each other before the library closed.

Frances W. Roberson

INTRODUCTION TO *FAVORITE MEDICAL FORMULAS OF DR. WILLIE JORDAN BATTS, WILSON COUNTY'S NOTABLE BOTANIC PHYSICIAN*

Hugh B. Johnston

The reader must excuse this less-than-impartial introduction to the only copy known to have survived of any of the medical formulas used by the most notable Botanic Physician (with a possible exception of Mrs. Elizabeth Simms Woodard, widow of William Woodard, Sr., of Wilson County) who ever practiced that important but long-since outmoded art in the aforesaid County. The slender notebook was handwritten by him in his own quaint spelling some eighty-five years ago and was discovered in the bottom of the trunk of his last surviving child, Mrs. Lucinda Batts Bissette (September 4, 1868—January 15, 1968), after her death a decade ago. The present Xerox copy was made just before the original manuscript was presented to the celebrated Country Doctor Museum in Bailey, North Carolina.

Willie (pronounced, and sometimes even spelled, Wiley) Jordan Batts (February 28, 1819—October 29, 1902) was a twin son born to Bailey Batts and wife Esther Jordan. He was also a great-great-grandfather of the writer of these remarks. Bailey Batts was a prosperous planter living between upper Town Creek and White Swamp, about halfway between the present Wilson and Elm City, who at one time owned over six hundred acres of good land that would be worth over half a million dollars at current prices. Willie's grandparents William and Chastity (Barnes) Batts had established the family here in 1788 after selling their farm in Brunswick County, Virginia.

Willie Batts was in 1840 given by his father the tract of land upon which he completed in October or November of the same year the one-story wooden house where all his children were born and which is still standing in good condition just north of Rosebud on the West side of U. S. Highway 301. Three sons by his first wife (William Calvin, David Lawrence, and John Louis Dicken Batts) saw honorable service during the Civil War, while the father himself served from 1862 to 1865 in the Wilson Home Guard, a fact that entitled his widow to make a successful application for a North Carolina State Pension on June 30, 1909.

In 1848-1852 he became one of the first investors in lots in the new Town of Wilson, and for a number of years he served as a Wilson County Justice of the Peace. On September 18, 1852, he became a member of the Upper Town Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was elevated to Clerk of Conference on September of the following year. He was excluded from their fellowship ___ of 1869, because of his change to the Free-will Baptist ___, but he was restored to full membership after his reconversion ___ 1899.
[Editors' note: The page was torn, and the beginning of several lines is missing. We have inserted probable words.]

As early as 1853, Willie Batts began his practice as a [Botanic] Physician. Whether he was self-taught or had studied under the tutelage of some earlier practitioner is not known, but he was active in this profession for over forty-eight years, in addition to the family farming operations, and his abilities were ___ respected and utilized within a radius of ten or fifteen miles. He was particularly successful in the "breaking of fevers" [and in the] healing of all kinds of wounds and infections. The rural [people] usually sent for him in cases of delayed or abnormal [births and] when the presence of a surgeon from Wilson or Toisnot (now Elm City) did not appear imperative. In most if not all of his treatments, he assisted Nature by the external or internal application of remedies that he compounded personally from both commercial drugs and the leaves, roots, barks, and sometimes the fruits of the many native plants and trees whose medicinal properties were known to him.

College-educated physicians and surgeons were not very numerous in our area of North Carolina in those days, and even they did not have the knowledge of, or access to, the myriad of drugs and preparations that have been developed during the many intervening years. Consequently, it was then possible for a skilled Botanic Physician to equal and occasionally surpass a regular physician from Town in the practical treatment of many common complaints. Not every so-called "herb-doctor" was a man of genuine talents, but those like Dr. Batts performed an important and almost wholly unrecorded service in the alleviation of human suffering.

In 1839 Willie Jordan Batts married as his first wife Elizabeth Williford (1818—August 8, 1850), daughter of planter Hartwell Williford of Edgecombe County. They had five children, two of whom have descendants living today. On November 5, 1851, he was married secondly to Ann Eliza Poland (September 27, 1830—August 14, 1909), a daughter of Williamson and Mary Poland of Nash County. There were nine additional children, of whom six married and left descendants. It is a sad commentary that Willie and Eliza Batts, after such long and useful lives, now lie in unmarked graves on their family plot near the middle of the Pine Street side of the oldest portion of Maplewood cemetery in the City of Wilson.

Hugh Buckner Johnston
Wilson, North Carolina
September 10, 1978.

JOYNER LIBRARY MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

The Manuscript Collection at East Carolina University is now open on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Manuscript Collection is part of the Special Collections located on fourth floor. The operating hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The collection will be closed Sunday March 9, Saturday March 15, Friday March 21, Saturday May 10, Monday May 12, Saturday May 17, Sunday May 18, and Monday May 26.

According to the Joyner Library web site, the Manuscript Collection contains more than 1250 collections of historical documentation including correspondence, diaries, business records, organizational records, church records, maps, genealogy notes, photographs, plus some 210 original oral history memoirs. Guides to all these collections are available online. The web site address is http://digital.lib.ecu.edu/special/ead .

Other components of the Special Collections are the Hoover Collection, Rare Book Collection, Schlobin Collection, and University Archives.

ZADOCK PEACOK AND OTHERS VS JOSIAH WINBORN AND OTHERS

North Carolina State Archives, Nash Co., N. C., Civil Action Papers, 1851-1852
C. R. 069.325.55, 1st 1851 folder
Contributed by Grace W. Turner

State of North Carolina
Nash County
Zadock Peacock and others,
vs
Josiah Winborn and others.

Transcript of the record & proceedings had and done in the case of

In the County Court of Nash, Aug. 1850

The folowing, the petition of Zadock Peacock & others, is in words & marks as follows.

To the worshipful, Justices of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Nash,

The Petition of Zadock Peacock & wife Eliza C., Martha A. Winborn & Isley Jane Winborn, an infant under the age of twenty one years, who sues by her Guardian the said Zadock Peacock & Isley Winborn,

Against, Josiah Winborn Executor David Winborn, Mary Winborn, David Winborn, James Winborn, David Bizzell & wife, Melviny Bizell, William Winborn, Jarrate Williams & wife Nancy Williams, John Q. Winborn, an infant under the age of twenty one years, Rhody Winborn Admix of Ivy J. Winborn, William Rentfrow and wife Mary, Joel B. High & wife Gatsey, William B. Winborn, Mehala Winborn, Sehata Winborn, Appy Winborn, Lugenia Winborn the last five infants under the age of twenty one years.

Respectfully we present unto your worships that in February 1848 David Winborn of the County of Nash departed this life having first published & declared his last Will & Testament which was admitted to probate in this worshipful Court at February Sessions of the same year when Josiah Winborn the person named therein as Executor qualified as such & took upon him self the execution of the said trust a copy of which said last will and testament is herewith exhibited marked A, and prayed to be taken as a part of this petition.

Your petitioners further show that the legatees named in the said will are your petioner Eliza C., who intermarried with petitioner Zadok Peacock, Martha A. Winborn, Asley [Isly] J. Winborn, Josiah Winborn, Mary Winborn, David Winborn, James Winborn, Milvina Bizzell, who intermarried with David Bizzelle, William Winborne, Nancy Williams who intermarried with Jarratt Williams & John Q. Winborn all of whom are children of the Said testator David deceased and that Isley Winborn the widow of the Said David is also named as a legatee in the said will, and further that Ivey J. Winborn was a legatee in Said will & that having departed this life intestate his widow Rhody Winborn qualified as administratrix upon his estate, and that she took upon herself the performance of said trust..

Further your petitioners show unto your Worships that the Defendant Josiah Winborn has paid off all the debts due from the estate of the Testator and that he Should have settled in full all the legacies named in the said last will & Testament before this, but that he has failed so to do though often requested by your petitioners to pay over to them what is justly due and coming to them as your petitioners are advised under the last clause of the said will in the following words viz, "for it is my desire that if the first sales should be found deficient in raising money for all the last legacies Mary, Eliza C., Martha A., & Isley Jane, for it is my desire that the four legatees mentioned should divide the over plus afterpaying William & Nancy their their legacies, it is also my desire that whenever the loose property comes into market that after supplying the deficiency of the legacees last mentioned that the surplus lift if any should be equally divided between my son Josiah &c

Your petitioners show that instead of their being a deficiency in the first sales, there was an overplus of nearly one thousand dollars after paying the legacies of William & Nancy which said overplus your petitioners allege should be divided equally between them and the Defendant Mary, Share and Share alike, but the Defendant Josiah contends that the Said overplus should not be thus divided but that it goes to the nine legatees mentioned as before in the latter part of said clause in connection with what is called the loose property.

Under this pretext the said Executor hath refused and continues to refuse to settle and pay over to your petitioners any part of the said surplus of one thousand dollars or there about, unless your petitioners shall agree to receive and receipt in full according to his said construction of the will which your petitioners are advised and believe to be erroneous

Your petitioners further show that Isley Jane Winborn, being an infant of tender years, Your petitioner Zadok Peacock at February Session 1850 of this worshipful Court qualified as Guardian to her, And further that John Q. Winborn one of the defendants is an infant of tender years without Guardian,

Further Your petitioners show that David Bizzard & wife Malviny, William Winborn, Jarratt Williams & wife Nancy & James Winborn Defendants are nonresident, living beyond the jurisdiction of this Court, and that the following Defendant named are the children of Ivey J. Winborn to wit, William B, Mehala, Salata, Appy & Lugenia are all infants without a regular Guardian,

Your petitioners being desirous to have a settlement with the Defendant Josiah, pray that this worshipful court will place the proper construction upon the said clause in the last will & testament and that the said Josiah may be directed to settle and pay over to your petitioners according to the best intent & meaning thereof, and also to pay over all such other sums and

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legacies which may be due them under said will,

To which end your petitioners pray that the said Defendant may be served in the proper process from this court—that advertisment may be made for the nonresidents & that Guardians may be appointed for the infant defendants who [have] been named and that your petitioners may have such other & further relief as the nature of this case requires. May it please &c And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

H. W. Miller for Pets.

The Deparate answer of Josiah Winborn Executor of David Wilborn Dec^{d} to the petition of Zadok Peacok & wife Eliza C, Martha A Winborn & Isley Jane Winborn an infant &c.

This Defendant the Said Josiah Winborn Saving to himself all &c

He admits that he qualified as Executor of the last will & testament of the said David Winborn at February Sessions 1848 of Nash County Court as charged by the plaintiffs and that he has since that time diligently applied himself to the execution of said trust. This Defendant says that he has returned and filed in the office of this Court his account current with the estate a copy whereof is herewith exhibited and he refers to that for greater certainty as to the amount which he admits is in his hands subject to division amongst those who shall be declared entitled to receive the same. This defendant has it is true refused to pay over the surplus referred to by the Plts. petition to the plaintiff for as much as he is advised that under the will of the said David Winborn they are not entitled thereto as they claim to be entitled & this Defendant herewith files a copy of said will & prays the same to be taken in as part of this his said answer to the plaintiffs Petition. This Defendant humbly Submits that the construction placed on the Said will by the plaintiffs is erroneous and this Defendant hath been ever ready and is now ready to settle with the plaintiff according to the true intent & meaning of said will & according to equity & const~~~

And he prays to be hence dismissed &c

P Busbee
For Deft

The Answer of David Winborn, James Winborne, David Bizzell & wife Melony Bizzell, William Winborne, Jarratt Williams & wife Nancy Williams, Rhody Winborn administratrix of Ivy Winborn & John Q. Winborn, an infant by his Guardian & next friend Josiah Winborne, to the petition of Zadock Peacok & wife Eliza C, Martha A Winborne & Isley J. Winborne.

These Defendants Saving & reserving to themselves ___ all advantage &c for answer unto petitioners petiton or so much thereof as as they are advised it is material for them to make answer unto, say they admit that the last will & testament of the late David Winborn was admitted to probate at Feby Session of Nash county 1848 that thereto defendant Josiah Winborne qualified as Executor thereof, & that a true copy of the Same is exhibited with proceeds of the first first sales after paying William & Nancy their legacies according to the provisions of the will there is in his hands a balance of $900 or there abouts as will appear by referring to the account current of the said Josiah herewith filed and which has been audited and passed upon by the Said County Court of Nash. But these Defendants further answering deny that it was the intention of the testator to give said balance or overplus to the plaintiffs in this petition and these Defendants respectfully submit that such a construction of Said Will is erroneous and not warranted by the language or any portion of the language thereof. On the contrary these defendants __ & insist that the testator never anticipated that there could be any balance or overplus of the first sale after payment of his debts and satisfying the two Said legacies of William & Nancy & did not make provision for such contingency & the same not being disposed of by of by said will goes to the next of kin of the said dec^{d}

And these Defendants respectfully Submit to the judgement of your Worship in the promises & pray to be hence dismissed

State of North Carolina
Nash County

In obedience to an order issuing from the worshipful court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions at Novr Term 1849 & to us directed, We the undersigned have met at the house of Josiah Winborne on the 7th day of February 1850 and proceded to examine the accounts of Josiah Winborn Executor of David Winborn dec^{d} ...

Jose Peelle
A. B. Baines Jr
Levi Bailey

Cr [Expenses]

Nos. paid			
1.	paid Richard Short	note __ his ___	$40.00
2.	" P. Busbee	Recipt & interest	5.60
3.	" Do	Recpt as counsel & inst	5.65
4.	" Do	Recpt & inst	5.27

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5.	" David E. Byrd Recept & inst	7.53
6.	" Henry Lewis as Auctioneer $1 pr day inst	3.34
7.	" Hardy ___ for 7 days service as clerk	7.80
8.	" Clerk's fees & interest	3.92
9.	" Drakes & Smiths Medical bill & inst	10.58
10.	" Jesse Beals act as Surveyor & interest	2.18
11.	" Shffs receipt for tax in 1847	7.24
12.	" Dempsey Stott Shop acct	.55
13.	" Dr. Racky Medical bill & inst	2.08
14.	" Simon Godwin act & interest	2.14
15.	" David B. Winborne recipt & inst	12.87
15.	" Isley Winborne receipt for Money allowed by commissioners for years support	29.56
16.	" Peacok & Crenshaw recept	.13
17.	" Richard Short Medical bill	7.25
18.	" B. T. Strickland brandy at Sale	5.57
19.	" Exr[s] own act. for work & labor done	10.00
20.	" by amount of commissions at 5 pr. ct.	204.19
		379.25
	by amount paid widow	2.25
		381.50
21.	by Error in David B. Winborns receipt	4.34
22.	Exr[s] own act. for lining for Coffin & work on ___	5.87
23.	balance of atty fee $5 $4	9.00
		400.71

[Editor's note: Following this was a transcription of the will of David Winborne which we will not include here since it was printed in the February 2001 issue of *Trees of Wilson.* That issue also included the will of Josiah Winborme, father of David. We include here the abstract of David's will as printed in *The Wills of Nash County, North Carolina, Volume I, 1777-1848,* abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.

David Winborne 8 Dec 1847 Feb Ct 1848

"Low in boddy"

Wife Isly Winborne – bed & furniture, etc; lend her certain other property, including the land where I now live separate from the land I bought from Hardy Pridgen; lend to her Negro Ben, Jacob. Legacies already given to: Son James Winborne, son Josiah Winborne, son Ivy F. Winborne, son David Winborne, daughter Melany Brizzell, son William Winborne, daughter Nancy Williams, daughter Mary Winborne. Daughter Eliza C. Winborne – bed & furniture, etc. Daughter Martha A. Winborne – bed & furniture, etc. Son John I. Winborne – filly, etc. Daughter Isly Jane Winborne – bed & furniture, etc. Residue, if any, to: son Josiah, heirs of my son Ivy F. [sic.] Winborne, & Melany Brizzell, daughter Mary, son David, daughter Eliza C., daughter Martha A., son John I, daughter Isly Jane.

Ex. son Josiah Winborne

Wit. William Hare, Hinton M. Godwin]

The following is the Order of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions at the February Sessions 1851 _

Zadock Peacock & others

vs. Feby Sessions 1851

Josiah Winborne & others

This cause now coming on to be heard upon the Petition and answers & exhibits and the whole matter having been agreed by counsel on both sides & now understood by the court, it is declared by the court that there is in the hands of Josiah Winborne Ex[r] the sum of $900 after having paid the Specific legacies and the debts of David Winborne his testator & the court doth further declare that by the will of said David Winborne the Said Sum of $900 is to be paid over by the Executor as follows,

1/9 part to Josiah Winborne; 1/9 part to the heirs of Ivy Winborne; 1/9 part to Meloney Bizzell; 1/9 part to Mary Winborne; 1/9 part to David Winborne; 1/9 part to Z. Peacock in right of his wife Eliza C.; 1/9 part to Z. Peacock Guardian for Isley Jane Winborne; 1/9 part to Martha Winborne; 1/9 part to Josiah Winborne __ ___ Guardian for Jno. Q. Winborne

And it is accordingly ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the Said Josiah Executor &c do pay do pay over as aforesaid, after deducting from said amount in his hand the amount of costs of this Suit to be taxed by the clerk, which he is directed to pay out of the funds in hand.

[Editor's note: Some of the court record was omitted. David Winborn's land sold for $3489.51. The total value of the estate minus expenses was $3517.38.]

NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS DIRECTORY, 1890

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WILSON COUNTY

AREA 350 Square Miles.

POPULATION 16,064; White 8,654, Colored 7,410

Wilson County was formed in 1855, from Edgecombe, Nash, Wayne and Johnston counties, and was named in honor of Louis D. Wilson, who died in Mexico serving his country.

Wilson, the county-seat, is 50 miles east from Raleigh, and located on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, which extends through the county from north to South. Population (estimated) 3,125.

Surface—Level, sandy and generally rich; very productive when well cultivated; well adapted to trucking.

Staples—Cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, tobacco, wheat and oats.

Fruits—Apples, peaches, pears, grapes, cherries, melons, berries and a variety of small fruits.

Timbers—Pine, oak, hickory, ash, cypress, gum, dogwood and persimmon.

Minerals—Iron, and one sulphur, with fourteen iron and magnesia springs.

TOWNS AND POST-OFFICES

	POP.		POP.
Barnes' Store,	30	Saratoga	175
Black Creek,	375	Stantonsburg,	100
Boyett,	25	Taylors,	25
Lucama,	25	Toisnot,	525
Moyton,	20	Wilson(C.H.)	3,125

COUNTY OFFICERS,

Clerk Superior Court—A. B. Deans.

Commissioners—J. F. Farmer, chmn.; John A. Lane, Robert B. Deans, W. W. Farmer, Jesse Norris.

Coroner—John K. Ruffin.

Register of Deeds—S. M. Warren.

Sheriff—Jonas W. Crowell.

Solicitor Third Dis.—D. Worthington,

Standard-Keeper—F. W. Taylor.

Surveyor—J. W. Taylor.

Treasurer—James W. Davis.

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Supt. Public Schools—James Murray.

Co. Board of Education—J. W. Lancaster, Wm. Woodard, Jr., Simon Barnes.

COURTS.

Superior Court meets fourth Monday before first Monday in March (two weeks); thirteenth Monday after the first Monday in March (one week); eighth Monday after the first Monday in September (two weeks).

TOWN OFFICERS.

Wilson.--Mayor—George W. Greene.

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Treasurer—John Hutchman.

Chief of Police—J. A. Privett.

Clerk—John R. Moore.

Black Creek.--Mayor—A. Barnes

Commissioners—E. B. Ross, J. N. Taylor, H. W. Privett, J. W. Riley, H. D. Lucas.

Clerk—L. H. Barnes.

Constable—J. E. Pearson.

Toisnot.—Mayor—W. H. Pridgen.

Constable—A. D. Taylor.

TOWNSHIPS AND MAGISTRATES

Black Creek—Nathan Bass, David Daniel, O. W. Spivey, T. J. Rowe, Barnes Daniel, Willie Barnes (Black Creek).

Cross Roads—L. F. Lucas, A. T. Barnes, J. T. Aycock, Claudius Aycock (Lucama).

Gardner's—T. H. Brides, Wm. Woodard, Jr. (Wilson).

Old Fields—J. J. Wilson, F. L. Farmer, J. F. Eatman, D. M. Stott, J. H. Fulghum (Wilson).

Saratoga—T. R. Eagles, S. H. Tyson, A. T. Smith, James Bryant, J. J. Bynum (Saratoga).

Spring Hill—William Hinnant, E. G. Barnes, J. T. Revel, Lucin Watson (Barnes' Store), Simon Barnes (Meeksville).

Stantonsburg—J. T. Graves, J. H. Applewhite, H. B. Lane, W. J. Batts (Stantonsburg).

Taylor's—J. J. Farmer, J. B. Thompson, A. M. Thompson (Wilson).

Toisnot—W. W. Flowers, J. H. Barkley, J. L. Bailey (Toisnot).

Wilson—J. D. Wells, Warren Woodard, J. W. Lancaster, F. W. Barnes, H. Davis, W. F. Mercer (Wilson).

CHURCHES.

Names, Post-offices, Pastors and Denominations

Barefoot's—Wilson, H. F. Wiley, Meth

Barnes' Cross Roads—Black Creek, H. F. Wiley, Meth

Buckhorn—Barnes' Store, H. F. Wiley, Meth

Church—Black Creek, W. J. Crowson, Meth

Church—Stantonsburg, W. J. Crowson, Meth

Church—Wilson, D. H. Tuttle, Meth

Church—Toisnot,—Edmondson, Meth

Horn's Chapel—Barnes' Store, H. F. Wiley, Meth

Mt. Zion—Toisnot, H. F. Wiley, Meth

Pleasant Grove—Stanhope (Nash county) H. F. Wiley, Meth

Church (col.)—Wilson, J. H. Mattocks, Af. Meth

Church—Wilson, Miles S. Reed, Bap

Church—Toisnot,—Duke, Bap

New Hope—Wilson, —, Bap

Black Creek—Black Creek, A. J. Moore, Prim Bap

Contentnea—Wilson, Wm. Woodard, Sr., Prim Bap

Healthy Plains—Wilson, William Woodard, Sr., Prim Bap

London's (col.)—Wilson, —, Prim Bap

Moore's Chapel—Wilson, Jesse Baker, Prim Bap

Scott's—Wilson, William Woodard, Sr., Prim Bap

Toisnot—Toisnot, A. J. Moore, Prim Bap

Upper Black Creek—Black Creek, —, Prim Bap

Upper Black Creek—Toisnot, B. C. Pitt, Prim Bap

White Oak—Saratoga, Jesse Baker, Prim Bap

Wilson—Wilson, P. D. Gold, Prim Bap

Church (col.)—Wilson, —, Epis

St. Timothy's—Wilson, Thomas Erskins Wright, Epis

Church—Wilson, M. T. Moye, Dis. of Christ

MINISTERS RESIDENT.

Names, Post-offices and Denominations

Gay, W. J., Wilson, Meth

Tuttle, D. H., Wilson, Meth

Howard, P. W. (col.), Wilson, Af. Meth

Reed, Miles S., Wilson, Bap

Baker, Jesse, Wilson, Prim Bap

Farmer, J. T., Wilson, Prim Bap

Gold, P. D., Wilson, Prim Bap

Scott, John D., Lucama, Prim Bap

Woodard, Wm., Sr., Wilson, Prim Bap

Hines, P. E., Wilson, Dis. of Christ

Moye, M. T., Wilson, Dis. of Christ

Taylor, R. T., Wilson, Dis of Christ

Wright, Thomas Erskine, Wilson, Epis

Pell, R. P., Wilson, Pres

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

Names, Post-offices and Proprietors.

Boarding, Toisnot, Mrs. M. J. Bailey.

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Boarding, Toisnot, Bert Bailey.
Boarding, Wilson, Samuel Tyson.
Boarding, Wilson, Mrs. W. B. Carraway.
Briggs Hotel, Wilson, B. F. Briggs.
Hotel, Toisnot, Harris Winstead.

LAWYERS.

Names and Post-offices.

Bardin, Jeff. D., Wilson.
Blount, G. W., Wilson.
Bruton, John F., Wilson.
Conner, H. G. (Judge Superior Court), Wilson.
Daniels, C. C., Wilson.
Deans, A. B., Wilson.
Hawkins, —, Toisnot.
Lancaster, J. W, Wilson.
Murray, H. F., Wilson.
Woodard, J. E., Wilson.
Woodard, F. A. & S. A., Wilson.

MANUFACTORIES.

Kinds, Post-offices and Proprietors

Blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, Wilson, Hackney Bros.
Blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, Toisnot, Winstead & Williams.
Blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, Saratoga, S. Dilde.
Building and contracting, Toisnot, Alex. Winstead.
Building and contracting, Wilson, C. Barnes.
Building and contracting, Toisnot, J. B. Deans.
Building and contracting, Wilson, James Duvall.
Building and contracting, Wilson James Wilkins.
Cabinet, Wilson, Wooten & Stephens.
Carriages and wagons, Wilson, Hackney Bros.
Coach and wagons, Wilson, J. J. Farmer.
Foundry and plow shop, Wilson, Wainwright & Royall.
Iron foundry, machine shops and agricultural implements, Wilson, Wainwright & Royall.
Iron working, Wilson, Chas. Williamson.
Iron working, Wilson, F. I. Finch.
Iron working, Wilson, Charles Bottler.
Iron working, Wilson, John Williamson.
Iron working, Wilson, Paschall Bros.
Millwrighting, Wilson, Wilson Todd.
Millwrighting, Saratoga, S. Dilde.
Millwrighting, Peel's Store, Wm. Gardner.
Millwrighting, Wilson, Chas. Darden (col.)
Millwrighting, Wilson, George Ray.
Millwrighting, Wilson, Arthur Young (col.)
Planing mill, Wilson, C. Barnes.
Planing mill, Wilson, J. T. Barnes.
Planing mill, Wilson, James Wilkins.
Plug tobacco factory, Wilson, C. Barnes.
Sash, doors and blinds, Wilson, J. T. Barnes.
Spools and bobbins, Wilson, H. E. Benton.
Wilson Cotton Mills, Wilson; A. Branch, president.

MERCHANTS AND TRADESMEN.

Names, Post-offices, Lines of Business

BLACK CREEK.

Barnes, Daniel, Grocer
Barnes, L. H., G S
Bass & Newsom, G S
Lucas, H. D., Drugs
Privett, H. W., G S
Privett, R. H., Grocer and Saloon
Riley, M. J., Milliner
Woodard, F. J., G S
Yelverton, W. L., G S

BOYETT.

Hinnant & Barnes, G S
Kirby, Henry, G S

LUCAMA.

Boyette & Davis, G S
Lucas, L. F., G S
Newson, W. J., & Bro., G S
Renfrow, Berry, G S

SARATOGA.

Gay, J. L., G S
Howard & Owens, G S
Shelton, L. D., Grocer and Saloon
Speight, W. J., & Bro., Grocer and Saloon
Thigpen, J. F., G S
Thigpen & Eason, G S

STANTONSBURG.

Applewhite, Lane & Co., G S

TOISNOT.

Bailey, John L., G. S. and Cotton-buyer
Carter & Co., G S
Dales, S. M., Milliner
Daughtridge, J. W., Saloon
Farmer, J. L., G. S. and Saloon
Griffin, G. H., G S
Moore, Dr. E. G., Drugs
Sharpe & Pridgen, G S
Turnbull, P. J., G S
Vick, E. H., G S
Wells, J. D. G S
Wells, R. S. G S
Whitehead, G. W., G S

WILSON.

Anderson, Dr. W. S., Drugs
Baker Bros., G S
Barnes, F. W., Pres. First Nat. Bank
Barnes, Edwin, Jr., Alliance Store
Barnes, B. W., G S
Batts, John, Saloon
Boykin, D. S., & Co., Gro
Branch & Co., Cotton-buyers
Branch, Briggs & Co., Who. and Ret. G.S. and Cotton-buyers
Brank, A. [sic.], Private Banker
Briggs, B. F., & Co., Life and Fire Ins
Bullock, Robert, Butcher
Bullock & Barnes, Livery
Churchwell, M. E., Milliner
Cobb, Gray, Gro
Corbett, Wiley, G S
Daniels, C. C., Job Printing
Daniels, C. C., Real Estate Agt
Daniel, A. N., G. S. and Cotton-buyer
Davis & Gay, Dry Goods
Davis J. W., Machinery Agt
Edwards, W. W., & Bro., Livery
Farmer, W. E., Agt. W. & W. R. R
Farmer, W. T., Sr., Sewing Machines
Finch, J. W. E., G S
Friar, J. L., Beer Bottler
Gaston, John (col.), Barber
Gay, W. M., Postmaster
Gay, Emma, Gro. and Saloon
Gay, W. J., Butcher
Gold, P. D., Job Printer
Gorham, W. C., Lightning-rods
Green, Alex., Com. Mcht
Green, George D., & Co., Hardware
Hackney Bros., Carriages
Hackney, Miss M. E., Milliner
Hadley & Briggs, Cotton-buyers
Hadley, John C., G S
Hannah, George C., & Co., Com. Mchts
Hardy, D. L., So. Ex. Agt
Harris, M., agt., Dry Goods
Harris, W. J., G S
Harris, W. J., Cotton-buyer
Heilbroner, Abe, agt., Dry Goods
Herring, Dave, Drugs
Herring, J. T., Mcht. Tailor
Hutchinson, John, Cash. First Nat. Bank
Jackson, H. C., Painter
Jackson, D. G., Saloon
Kingsmore, R. A., Saloon
Knight, T. D., Painter
Leath, J. M., Agt. Cash Racket
Lee & Sons, G S
Lester, W. P., Saloon
May & Williams, Mrs., Milliners

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McCraw, J. T., Grocer
McDaniel & Campbell, Com. Mchts
Mercer, E. N., G S
Morris, N. A., Saloon
Nadal, E. M., Drugs
Nolly, David, Painter
Oettinger, I. & D., Dry Goods
Paschall & Bro., Machine Shop
Pearce, J. C., Painter
Rawles, J. R., Jeweler
Rose, E. G., Saloon
Rountree, M., & Co., Who. and Ret. G. S. and Cotton-buyers
Rowland, A. W., Drugs
Ruffin & Riley, G S
Selley, John, Livery
Shelton & Snakenburg, Saloon
Shepard, J. W., Dry Goods
Simms, A. J., Auctioneer
Taborn, Lemon (col.), Barber
Thomas, George, Butcher
Tyson, B. H., Lightning Rods
Walls, J. T., Mcht Tailor
Weaver & Clark, Hardware
Wells, J. D. & S. C., Cotton-buyers and G S
Wiggins, James T., G S
Wiggins, J. T., Lumber
Wooten & Stevens, Furniture and Undertakers
Young, C. A., Sewing Machines
Young, C. A., & Bro., Cotton-buyers

MILLS.

Kinds, Post-offices and Proprietors.

Corn and flour, Wilson, Wm. Woodard, Senior.
Corn and flour, Wilson, Isaac Williamson.
Corn and flour, Wilson, Noah Strickland.
Corn and flour, Wilson, W. W. Farmer.
Corn and flour, Wilson, C. F. Finch.
Corn and flour, Wilson, J. W. Throne.
Corn and flour, Wilson, T. H. Bridges.
Corn and flour, Wilson, J. J. Wilson.
Corn and flour, Wilson, J. T. Wiggins.
Corn, flour and saw, Wilson, Calvin Barnes.
Flour and corn, Stantonsburg, Dr. D. G. Ward's estate.
Flour and corn, Saratoga, Howard & Owens.
Flour and corn, Toisnot, J. J. Hales.
Flour and corn, Toisnot, Harris Winstead.
Flour and corn, Meeksville, A. T. Ward.
Flour and corn, Toisnot, W. D. Farmer.
Flour and corn, Toisnot, C. G. Peale.
Flour, corn and saw, Wilson, K. K. Eatman.
Flour, corn, and saw, Wilson, T. R. Lamm
Flour, corn and saw, Wilson, W. H. Ward.
Flour, corn and saw, Lucama, Sarah Barnes.
Flour, corn and saw, Barnes' Store, John S. Boykin.
Flour, corn and saw, Taylor's, A. T. Ward.
Flour, corn and saw, Wilson, Arnold Nichols.
Flour, corn and saw, Taylor's, Dicey Boykin.
Saw, Wilson, D. A. Scott.

PHYSICIANS

Names and Post-offices

Anderson, W. S., Wilson.
Anderson, Albert, Wilson.
Anderson, Nathan, Wilson.
Brodie, Walter, Wilson.
Brothers, J. E., Stantonsburg.
Davis, —, Toisnot.
Drake, W. T., Wilson.
Freeman, H. F., Wilson.
Graves, J. T., Wilson.
Herring, W. B. , Wilson.
Joyner, R. W. (dentist), Wilson.
King, R. W., Wilson
Lucas, H. D., Black Creek.
Mercer, W. P., Toisnot.
Moore, Charles E., Wilson.
Moore, E. G., Toisnot.
Moye, F. M., Stantonsburg.
Peacock, J. J., Saratoga.
Ruffin, John K., Wilson.
Whitley, R. B., Toisnot.
Wright, E. K. (dentist), Wilson.

SCHOOLS.

Names, Post-offices and Principals.

Primary school, Wilson, Miss Allie Moye.
Primary school, Wilson, Miss Dezelle Ruffin.
Primary school, Wilson, Miss Alice Snakenburg.
Primary school, Wilson, Mrs. E. W. Adams.
Wilson Collegiate Institute (female), Wilson, S. E. Warren, president.
Wilson High School, Wilson; John E. Kelly, principal.
Public schools—white, 42; colored, 30.

TEACHERS

Names and Post-offices

Adams, Mrs. E. W., Wilson.
Adams, Miss Fannie, Wilson.
Barnes, Roxie, Sharpsburg.
Barnes, W. S., Toisnot.
Bass, Joseph (col.), Black Creek.
Battle, Ella (col.), Wilson.
Battle, Ada (col.), Wilson.
Bissette, George N., Taylor's.
Bissette, L. B., Taylor's.
Clark, John H. (col.), Black Creek.
Cooper, Carrie (col.), Wilson.
Cotton, James A. (col.), Wilson.
Daniel, Theo, J., Wilson.
Daniel, M. E., Wilson.
Dawson, A. D. (col.), Wilson.
Dew, Tempa B., Wilson.
Parker, Hattie, Toisnot.
Ellis, Miss Sallie, Wilson.
Farmer, Ida M. (col.), Wilson.
Finch, J. W., Taylor's.
Gay, Miss Lilly, Wilson.
Hill, Celia A., Wilson.
Jones, A. W. (col.), Wilson.
Jordan, Charlotte (col.), Wilson,
Joyner, Maggie (col.), Wilson.
Kelly, John E., Wilson.
Lancaster, Maggie, Wilson.
Lucas, Lanie A., Lucama.
Middleton, E. S., Wilson.
Moore, A. M., Saratoga.
Moore, A. J. C. (col.), Wilson.
Parker, Lillie, Wilson.
Parker, Silas (col.), Toisnot.
Pitt, Alsey (col.), Toisnot.
Ruffin, Miss Delzelle, Wilson.
Snakenburg, Miss Alice, Wilson.
Taylor, Annie, Toisnot.
Thomas, Annie, Toisnot.
Vick, Henry (col.), Wilson.
Warren, S. E., Wilson.
Wilder, Hinton (col.), Meeksville.
Winstead, B. R. (col.), Toisnot.

LOCAL CORPORATIONS.

Black Creek Lodge, No. 350, A. F. and A. M., Black Creek; time of meeting, third Saturday.
Centennial Lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F., Toisnot; day of meeting, Thursday; W. H. Adams, N. G.
Edgecombe Lodge, No. 298, A. F. and A. M., Toisnot; time of meeting, fourth Thursday.
Enterprise Lodge, No. 44, I. O. O. F., Wilson; day of meeting, Friday; W. E. Farmer, N. G.
First National Bank, Wilson; capital stock, $51,000; F. W. Barnes, pres., F. A. Woodard, vice-pres.; Jno Hutchinson, cashier.
Hatcher Lodge, No. 310, A. F. and A.

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M., Wilson; time of meeting, third Saturday and June 24th and Dec. 27th.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, A. F. and A. M., Stantonsburg; time of meeting, first Thursday and June 24th.

Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117, A. F. and A. M., Wilson; time of meeting, every Monday evening and second Thursday.

Wilson Cotton Mills, Wilson; A. Branch, pres.; G. D. Green, vice-pres.; W. P. Simpson, sec. and treas.; authorized capital, $100,000; daily consumption, 35,000 pounds; daily production, 3,000 pounds yarns; number spindles, 6,500; number hands employed, 85.

NEWSPAPERS

Rural Home, Toisnot; alliance; weekly; W. S. Barnes, ed. and prop.

Wilson Advance, Wilson; dem.; weekly; Josephus Daniels and C. C. Daniels, eds. and props.

Wilson Mirror, Wilson; dem.; weekly; W. H. Blount, ed.

Zion's Landmark, Wilson; Prim. Bap.; semi-monthly; Elder P. D. Gold, ed. and prop.; $2 per annum.

FARMERS

Names and Post-offices

Black Creek—J. W. Aycock, J. J. Aycock, J. S. Barnes, G. W. Barnes, Augustus Barnes, W. B. Barnes, John T. Barnes, Wiley Barnes, J. J. Barnes, W. T. Barnes, L. G. Barefoot, R. B. Barefoot, A. Bass, Isaac Bass, E. G. Bass, J. Bass Sr., J. Bass, Jr., E. J. Bass, Perry Bass, David Bass, Nathan Bass, J. H. Bell, J. T. Blaniford, Calvin Boone, W. F. Bordin, John P. Bordin, A. L. Bordin, J. B. Bordin, Simon Baswell, Alfred Baswell, Thomas A. Boyette, A. Branch, W. A. Brooks, Mrs. Alice Brooks, E. R. Copeland, Jas. L. Daniel, David Daniel, Josiah Daniel, John A. Davis, J. B. Davis, G. J. Evans, J. W. Ferrell, J. B. Ferrell, O. Ferrell, David Godwin, B. F. Goff, Jame Grice, Amos Hays, Reuben Hays, Jesse Hinnant, L. B. Jones, Turner Joyner, Edwin Lamm, N. W. Lamm, Isham Lamm, Thomas Lamm, Calvin Lancaster, Redden Lancaster, H. D. Lucus, W. D. Lucus, E. T. Lucus, W. H. Marlow, William Matthews, Noel Matthews, J. R. Mattox, J. D. Mayo, W. B. Mercer, Hervy Minshaw, Nathaniel Moor, W. T. Moore, W. L. Moore, Larry Newsom, C. T. Newsom, R. A. Overman, G. P. Pool, R. G. Privett, J. C. Rice, Harvey A. Roper, Robinson Roper, Ruffin Rose, W. T. Rose, Thomas J. Rowe, Jesse Sauls, L. Scott, M. L. Smith, J. T. Smith, O. Spivey, W. P. Stallings, Jonathan Tomlinson, Sr., Warren Tomlinson, John Valentine, Thomas Vick, T. W. Watson, John Watson, F. G. Wiggs, F. J. Woodard, Dr. Stephen Woodard, F. A. Woodard, Elisha Woodard, W. E. Yelverton, Wiley Yelverton, J. C. Yelverton.

Boyett---Ashley Atkinson, James D. Atkinson, Josiah Atkinson, Chesterfield Atkinson, Daniel Aycock.

Lucama---John D. Adams, Calvin Atkinson, Amos Atkinson, Hervey Atkinson, T. R. Atkinson, John Atkinson, J. T. Aycock, Claud Aycock, Jesse Aycock, C. C. Barnes, Reddin Barnes, E. J. Barnes, Stephen Barnes, Jr., Bennett Barnes, Jr., J. B. Barnes, Simon Barnes, Amos Barnes, P. S. Barnes, L. D. H. Barnes, V. Barnes, Henly Barnes, Thos. Bass, W. H. Bass, Ephraim Bass, S. D. Baswell, W. S. Baswell, S. A. Boyett, John B. Capps, C. B. Capps, J. T. Capps, B. C. Campbell, George Creech, Jacob Daniel, Josiah Davis, J. & C. Davis, Ezekiel Davis, J. B. Davis, L. P, Duncan, A. J. Ellis, Hilbert Evans, Irvin Ferrell, Noel Ferrell, B. Ferrell, Enos Ferrell, Wiley Ferrell, N. T. Hayes, J. T. Hayes, D. R. Holland, Perry Hooks, Wiley Howell, Freeman Howell, W. H. W. Johnson, Jonas Lamm, Thomas J. Lamm, T. J. Lamm, Isaiah Lamm, John H. Lamm, Elias W. Lamm, Enos Lamm, Jonathan T. Lamm, J. W. Lamm, S. M. Lamm, J. H. Lamm, Josiah Lamm, B. A. Lamm, Solomon Lamm, Abraham Lamm, H. H. Love, Silas Lucas, Sr., W. T. Lucas, Larry Lucas, P. T. Lucas, J. A. Lucas, E. H. Lucas, Noel Mathis, Benjamin Moore, Jethro Moore, Alfred Moore, Joseph Moore, Jr., J. M. Newsom, William Newsom, Richard Pate, Wilson Pedder, R. S. Peel, M. V. Peel, Perry Rentfrow, Ruffin Rentfrow, Rufus Rentfrow, W. G. Roper, Matthew Rose, Matthew Ruper, B. A. Scott, John D. Scott, R. L. Scott, David A. Scott, Bla-ney Scott, J. T. Smith, T. T. Thomas, W. H. Tomlinson, Amos Watson, James Wilkinson, Ashley Wilkinson, Stephen Woodard, Thomas Woodard.

Meeksville--- James Barns, John T. Barns, W. H. Barns, John W. Barns, Josiah Barns, G. W. Barns, Jos. Barns, M. S. Barns, John Q. Barns, Simon Barns, Jr., Edwin Barns, Simon Barns, Jesse D. Barns, Robert Bass, John S. Boykin, Samuel Collins, Asa B. Collins, John M. Creech, Joseph Davis, Harris Davis, John D. Ellis, Isaac Evans, Jos. H. Evans, Benajah Ferrel, Jethro Ferrel, A. B. Ferrell, Thomas Ferrel, Perry Ferrell, W. H. Grice, Perry Hale, Jas. Hawley, L. S. Hinnant, Joseph Hinnant, D. H. Hinnant, Gray Hinnant, James H. Hinnant, B. R. Hinnant, Ranal Hinnant, Jesse Hinnant, Ira G. Hinnant, Jos. T. Hinnant, Vandorne Hinnant, V. S. Hinnant, Ransom Hinnant, Needham Holland, Uriah Holland, Jas. M. Howell, Wm. M. Johnson, J. A. Johnson, Henry Keen, Council Keen, Isaac Kirby, Henry Kirby, C. W. Knight, Bryant Lamm, Jessie Lamm, Elias Lamm, Edward Lamm, V. Q. Mason, W. A. Overman, J. W. Peacock, Stephen Peel, Jesse Peel, William Pender, A. J. Pierce, Haywood Pitman, Riley Rentfrow, Hinnant Rentfrow, John H. Rentfrow, J. R. Rentfrow, John Rentfrow, Jas. H. Rentfrow, C. A. Rentfrow, W. R. Rentfrow, Benjah Rentfrow, John T. Revell, R. H. Roper, Robt. Roper, Ruffin Roper, J. E. Roper, James Roper, D. A. Scott, J. A. Stancil, Jacob Stancil, Julius Tallon, W. J. Thorn, Thomas Thorn, William Ward, W. G. Watkins, Barns Watson, Eli Watson, John Watson, Tho. Watson, Burket Watson, J. K. Watson, G. Watson, Gaston Watson, Columbus Watson, Lewis Watson, T. R. Watson, W. T. Williams, J. B. Williams.

Stantonsburg---W. H. Applewhite, J. H. Applewhite, Alvin Bagley, William Barnes, Jr., Wiley Barnes, Larry Bass, W. J. Betts, Chas. Corden, B. R. Daniel, R. Dunn, W. L. Dunn, Wiley Ellis, B. F. Ellis, W. J. Farmer, Jonathan Farmer, J. L. Farmer, Barney Flowers, Dr. J. L. Graves, Eli Harrell, David Hill, H. R. Jones, Chesley Jordan, Matthew Lamm, James Lamm, J. A. Lane, H. B. Lane, John M. Morton, John H. Morgan, J. W. Peacock, W. J. Petteway.

Toisnot---James H. Adams, W. H. Adams, J. S. Bailey, Rodman Barnes, Josh. L. Barnes, Dempsey Barefoot, J. H. Barkley, B. R. Barkley, J. R. Batts, E. B. Batts, D. L. Batts, William Batts, H. B. Batts, J. W. Batts, K. Batts, A. R. Batts, J. L. Batts, C. S. Beaswell, W. J. T. Beland, J. T. Braswell, J.

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LOUIS H. BARNES OBITUARY

***The Wilson Times*, June 26, 1913**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. L. H. Barnes.

Mr. L. H. Barnes, of Black Creek died this morning at his home in Black Creek. He was 50 years of age and leaves a wife and child.

The deceased is brother to Mrs. C. L. Perry and Mr. L. A. Barnes, of Wilson. He is the son of Ex-Sheriff Barnes of Black Creek who still survives him.

The burial will be conducted at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the cemetery in Black Creek.

Mr. Barnes was a prominent farmer and business man and popular in the Black Creek section.

[Editor's note: The 1870 Wilson County Census lists the Town of Black Creek household of Augustus Barnes, age 30, retail grocer; Sallie, age 27; Lewis H., age 8; Frank E., age 2; Penny, age 1 month; and Selvanh Taitlor, age 14, domestic servant.

In the 1880 Wilson County Census, Augustus Barnes, age 43, farmer, lived in the Town of Black Creek with his wife Sallie Ann, age 38; and children Lewis H., age 17, farm worker; Franklin E., age 12, farm worker; Etta, age 10; Luther A., age 8; Minnie, age 5; and George Horne, age 19, servant on farm.

In the 1900 Wilson County Census, their Town of Black Creek household included Augustus, born June 1834, grocery clerk; his wife Sallie A., born March 1842; son Louis H., born Jan. 1862, saloon clerk; daughter Etta P. Taylor, born March 1870; grandson Archie L. Taylor, born March 1889; and son Luther A., born Oct. 1872, saloon keeper.

Louis Henry Barnes was buried in the Black Creek town cemetery. His marker is a double with Maude Anna Barnes and gives his dates as b. 1862, d. 1913. The WPA records record his dates as b. 02 Jan 1862, d. 26 Jun 1913.]

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President's Message

Can you believe we are already in March of 2008. As fast as the first quarter has passed, it will be no time at all before we are celebrating Christmas. Which brings me to this; it's time to start working on the calendar for 2009. Everyone liked the 2008 calendar so well that we are going with the same format for 2009, but only if we receive enough photos. Here is where you can help! If you have photos you would like to share for the calendar, please submit them. We only ask you to abide by these guidelines.

1. The photos must have been **taken in Wilson County**.
2. The photos must have been **taken prior to 1950**.
3. We **cannot reprint copyrighted photos**.
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5. Send information on **where the photo was taken** (example: street name, township), the **names of the people** in the photo, and any **additional information you would like to share**. If I need additional information, I will contact you.
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7. The **deadline to receive your photos is June 30, 2008**.

I look forward to seeing all the photos you send! Can't wait to get started on the calendar! Thank you for sharing a part of your family!

Wanda Lamm Taylor

MARCH 25TH MEETING

Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our regular meeting on March 25th in the Assembly Room.

R. Ward Sutton will speak to us about the process of relocating graves. He established his company, Cemetery Services, in 1980 specifically to perform disinterments. Since that time he has been hired for jobs in states as far away as Florida and Texas.

He has been described as a legal clerk, historian, genealogist, and reverse funeral director. He prepares the paperwork, files the appropriate documents with county officials, publishes the required legal notifications, and when necessary, prepares resolutions for municipal approval.

Each grave is carefully excavated, photographed and videotaped. The remains are placed in a wooden box which is later returned to the earth in another graveyard.

Upcoming programs:

April: Doug Rader, Contentnea Quaker Church

May: Maury York, Joyner Library, East Carolina University

CORRECTIONS

On page 9 of the January issue of *Trees,* there are two typos. Please make these corrections in your issues: Nathaniel Motzno was born in June of **1889**, and Hattie Motzno was born in February **1894**.

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here one of his recipes and will continue to publish them in future issues of *Trees*.

Receipt For Gravel.

Take three large Onion heads, one grasp of running time one tablespoonful of burnt oyster shells put them to gether in about 3 half pints of water. boil it down to three gills, put one spoonful of the lime in a bottle then poar the tea to it. For a dose take a small dram glassful at the time from two to four hours until relieved. Children down according to age.

Receipt For Bowell Deseases on little children

Take one quart of blackberrys and kernels out of Fifty Peach seeds beat them up take one table-spoonful of babery powders put them in a kettle with a little water and boil them together for half an hour, set it off and let it cool then squese them through a fine cloth wash the kettle poar back the juice add half pound loaf or crush sugar then simper it over the fire 'til it becomes a good thick wine.. after it cools add half pint of French brandy or good apple brandy if the french can't be had, give it as often as the patient can bear the strength of the spirits, don't let them eat any fruit give them something light to eat diet should be same as for flue.

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WILSON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of City Council, Wilson, North Carolina, 1850-1885

A bound manuscript shelved in the Wilson County Public Library

Wilson April 8th 1858

By virtue of the charter of the Town of Wilson, on Thursday the 1st day of April AD 1858 Polls of election were opened and held at the court house in said Town when the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year

William H. Bunn M. P.
Jacob S. Barnes
Jesse H. Adams Commissioners
& B Stith

In compliance with the above election Jacob S. Barnes Jesse H. Adams met at the office of George Howard Inn & in the presence of J. D. Rountree a Justice of the Peace took & subscribed the following oath.

We Jacob S. Barnes & Jesse H. Adams as Commissioners of the Town of Wilson do swear that we will execute the office of Commissioner for said town, faithfully, impartially & truly according to law without favor affection or prejudice & that in all things we will execute the same & discharge our duty to the best of our will & judgement so help us God.

Jesse H. Adams
J. S. Barnes

B Stith having tendered his resignation being indigible, James D. Barnes is appointed commissioner in his sted & William H. Bunn not qualifying being ineligible Geo Howard Jr. is appointed Magistrate Police whereupon they took & subscribed the above oath in the presence of J. D. Rountree

Geo Howard Jr. M. P.
Jas. D. Barnes

Sworn to & subscribed in the presence of J D Rountree J P.

J D Rountree B H Bardin & John W Farmer are appointed to assess the value of Town property

Ordinance No 10 laying a tax of Twenty five Dollars on persons selling Spirituous Liquors is on motion repealed

T C Davis is elected clerk & Treasurer of Said Town

May 5th 1858

Jesse H. Adams Jacob S. Barnes and James D Barnes met at the court House and the following proceedings are had

Ordered that T C Davis pay Gray B Sharpe the sum of Two hundred Dollars for the Grave Yard Lots and take a deed for the same

The following persons are appointed a Patroll Jesse H Adams John T. Barnes, Josiah Farmer B H Bardin Jacob S Barnes W Swift W W Winstead and Joseph Barbee

The following person[s] are appointed a Special patrol for one month (viz) Albert Farmer B H. Lancaster May Warren and Isaah Rawls

Ordered that Jacob S Barnes be authorized to employ some person to erect six Horse Racks Twenty five feet long with posts Eight feet long to be placed at suitable places over the Town

Ordered that the Town Constable shall be required to collect the Taxes by 1st day of October next

Ordered that the Clerk have printed one hundred copies of the following ordinances and post fifty of them at conspicuous places in the limits of the Town

WILSON TAX LIST FOR THE YEAR 1858

Minutes of City Council, Wilson, North Carolina, 1850-1885

		Polls	Lots	Val	$	cts
A	Adams Jesse H.	7	2	5,000	17	00
	Alley A. D.	2			2	00
B	Barnes Jas. D.	2	8	6,300	14	60
	Barbee Joseph		1	2,000	4	00
	Barnes & Bynum		1	2,000	4	00
	Barnes Isiah		4	1,300	2	70
	Barnes Jacob S.	3	1	1,000	6	00
	Beeman Jerimiah	1			1	00
	Barnes John T.	1			1	00
	Bardin B. H.	2	6	8,800	19	60
	Barnes P. W.	1			1	00
	Blount Richard	1	1	50	1	10
	Barnes T. F.	1			1	00
	Battle Mrs. Margaret	5	2	3,700	12	00
	Barnes Thomas	2			2	00
	Benntly Henry	1			1	00
	Bunn Wm H.	1	1	600	2	20
	Barnes Wm. J.		1	2,000	5	00
	Barnes W. W.		1	800	1	60
	Bernard Wm Sr.		1	2,000	4	00
C	Clements J. B.	1			1	00
	Cotton A. S.	4	2	4,300	12	60
	Calighan John O.	2	2	1,000	5	60
	Clark E. G.		3	3,200	6	50
	Cox R. M.		1	1,200	2	50
D	Daniel Willie	11	3	4,000	20	00
	Davis T. C.	3	3	3,000	10	40
	Davis & Barnes		1	2,000	4	00
	Duggan W. S.		1	700	1	50
	Davis Jas. W.	2			2	00
	Daniel Wm. B.	3	2	2,000	8	00
E	Eatman Edwin	1	1	470	1	94
	Ellis Hickman		1	750	1	50
	Ellis Ira G.		1	600	1	20
F	Farmer John W.	5	5	4,000	13	00
	Fountain Spencer	1			1	00
	Farmer L. D.	3	1	1,200	5	40
	Farmer Albert	3	1	1,500	6	00
	Fulghum Ganny	1			1	00
	Farmer Aithin	1	1	300	1	60
	Farmer Joseph	1			1	00
	Farmer Mrs. Elizabeth		2	500	1	00
	Farmer A. D.	4	1	1,000	6	00
	Friar James	1			1	00
	Farmer John	2	1	400	2	80
G	Gay Wm. M.	7	4	5,000	17	20
	Gay Wm. H.	1			1	00
	Griffin Geo. H.		1	600	1	20
	Goddin N. A. H.	5	1	3,000	11	00
H	Howard Sauls & Co.	2			2	00
	Hackney Wm. N.		1	750	1	50
	Hughart Wm. H.	1			1	00
	Howard Geo. J.	1	3	2,000	5	00
J	Johnson Robt. D.	3	1	1,800	4	60
K	Kinsy John	1			1	00
L	Lynch Noah	1	1	600	2	20
	Lipscomb Oswald	14	2	3,000	20	00
	Lancaster B. H.	2	1	470	2	95
M	Marshburn Saml		1	2,000		40
	Mizishimier David	2			2	00
	Do Do lot		1	750	1	50
	Mizishimier Aaron	1			1	00
	Morse Mrs. Selectra	1	1	2,000	5	00
	Mayo E. T.		1	500	1	00
N	Nolly David	1	2	1,000	3	00
	Nolly William	2			2	00
	Nadal Anthony	1			1	00
P	Parker & Murray	3	1	1,700	6	50
	Parker C. L.	2	1	300	2	60
	Perl W. H.	2	1	700	3	40
	Pritchett J. W. H.	1			1	00
R	Rountree Sauls & Co.	3	2	3,000	10	00
	Rountree J. D.	4	1	1,200	6	50
	Rountree Chas. J.	1			1	00
	Rawls Isaah	6	2	700	7	40
	Rawls & Barden		1	25		5
	Rawls Aycock & Bardin		1	100		20
	Rountree Nathan	3			3	00
	Rountree Moses	2	1	1,200	4	40
	Rountree L. D.	1			1	00
	Rountree W. D.	3	3	2,000	8	00
	Rountree W. D. ( )		1	1,000	2	00
S	Sauls L. J.	1			1	00
	Stith B. J.	1	1	1,500	4	00
	Simms Benj. E.	1			1	00
	Sherman E. A.		1	275		55
	Shallington W. E. J.		3	3,600	7	20
	Swift Westly	3	2	2,000	7	00
	Stephens Mrs. E. A.	1	1	2,200	5	40
	Skinner Mrs. A. L.		1	350		70
T	Taylor L. W.	1			1	00
	Tomlinson Thomas	1			1	00
	Taylor James J.		1	1,200	2	50
	Tambro A. D.	1			1	00
	Taylor Robt. J.	1	1	1,000	3	00
	Tomlinson L. D.	2	1	800	1	60
V	Vann Dempsy	1			1	00
W	Winstead W. M.	1	2	800	3	00
	Warren S. M.		2		2	00
					$409	99

E. W. Watson

April 1, 1859	In act with Town of Wilson	DO	CT
	To amount of tax list for 1858 $409.99		
	By amount paid J. D. Barnes as per voucher	186	40
	" " Paid Isaah Rawls as per voucher	3	20
	" " Paid Willie Winstead voucher	2	20
	" " Paid B. H. Lancaster voucher	10	00
	" "		
	" His account allowed for col		
	Taxes & services		
	" Refunded T. C. Davis	41	70
	& Albert Farmer	2	00
	" Cash of E. W. Watson pd TCD	156	43

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF PELEG SPENCER

N. C. State Archives, Gov. Wm. A. Graham, 1848, July-Dec., G. P. 121, July 1848

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

State of North Carolina
Johnston County

I West Holland corroner of Johnston County being informed that one Peleg Spencer late of Said County was Murdered on the 19th Inst. and I West Holland as corroner have proceeded to Sumon a juro of in-Quest to inquire in to the Murder of the Said Peleg Spencer and after being duly sworn by me as corroner they Examine the dead body of the Said Peleg Spencer and reported that the Said Peleg Spencer was wilfully murder[d]. the witness in be half of the inquest being duly sworn Stated that one owin Kernegae late of Said County did shoot and kill the Said Peleg Spencer and then fled from justice I West Holland do sertifie to his Excelency William A. Graham Governor of the State of North Carlina that the jury of inquest has reported to me that the Said Owen Kernagae did commit the murder on the Said Peleg Spencer

A true coppy from the report of the inquest over the dead body of Peleg Spencer

West Holland, corronerr
for the County
of Johnston

May July the 22nd 1848

[On reverse: Wm A. Graham, Gov. N. C., Public Service, Raleigh, N. C.]

State of North Carolina
Johnston County

July the 22nd 1848
to his Excalency William A Graham

Governor of the state of north Carolina we here below Give you a description of the Said Owen Kornega
the Said Kernegae is about 32 years old a bout five feet 8 or 9 inches high rather decline[d] to be red headed and red Beard little de clined to be freckle in the face thin sharp face small round blue Eyes rather spar built Round Shoulder[d] rather stoopes over forward when walkin rather long foot of his statue has rather a down look the said Kernegae was raised in duplin County, N., C., Migrated to Johnston some 5 or 6 years ago he acted as a doctor allso as school teacher

State of North Carolina
Johnston County

Superior Court of Law
Fall Term 1848

The jurors for the State upon their oath present that Owen Kornegay late of the County of Johnston Labourer not having the fear of God before his eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigations of the Devil on the nineteenth (19) day of July in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & forty eight with force & arms at and in the county aforesaid in and upon Peleg Spencer in the Peace of God and the State there and then being feloniously willfully & of his malice afore-thought did make an assault and that the said Owen Kornegay a certain shot gun of the value of one dollar then and there loaded with gunpowder and Divers leaden bullets which shot gun he the said Owen Kornegay in both of his hand then and there had and held to against and upon the Said Peleg Spencer then & there feloniously wilfully and of his malice afore thought did shoot & discharge and that the Said Owen Kornegay with the Leaden bullets aforesaid out of the Shot gun aforesaid then & there by the force of the Gun Powder shot and sent forth as aforesaid the aforesaid Peleg Spencer in and upon the right side of the Abdomen of him the Said Peleg Spencer a little below the navle of him the Said Peleg Spencer then & there with Leaden bullets aforesaid so as aforesaid shot discharged & sent forth out of the Shot Gun aforesaid by the said Owen Kornegay in and upon the left side of the abdomen of him the Said Peleg Spencer a little below the navel of him the said Peleg Spencer one mortal wound of the depth of six inches and of the breadth of half an inch of which said mortal wound the aforesaid Peleg Spencer then & there instantly died
And the jourors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do say that the said Owen Kornegay the said Peleg Spencer then and there in manner & form aforesaid feloniously wilfully and of his Malice afore thought and will and murder against the Pease & dignity of the State

Moore atts. ___

I W. F. S. Alston Clerk of Said court do hereby Certify that the above Bill of Indictmt is a true copy as appears from re-cords in my office

W. F. S. Alston cfc

[On reverse: His Excellency The Hon. W. A. Graham, Raleigh, N. C.]

Smithfield Telegraph

CEMETERY RESEARCH
Jerry Stancil

[Editor's note: Jerry Stancil presented a program at our February meeting on the value of using cemeteries to further our family research. The following is a reproduction of the handout that he gave those in attendance. In brackets are expansions on the outline based on his talk.]

What cemeteries can do to improve your research efforts and what information you can expect to obtain.

1 – Birth dates and death dates
2 – Surnames of female spouse
3 – Names of unknown spouse who may have died in early childbirth
4 – Names of children who died young and were never recorded on census records
5 – Name of a twin who died early
6 – New names not recognized as family names may be family of spouse or maternal family
7 – You also may identify parents of a specific family member you were looking
8 – Neighbors will be buried there. These neighbors will provide spouses for your ancestors and their children. [The sons and daughters usually married within the neighborhood. (Consider the means of transportation used to court. How far would a young man reasonably travel to court a young woman?)]
9 – These new names will lead you to new [geographic] locations to research.
10 – Locations of cemeteries will most often mark locations of family home place. [The cemetery was usually placed near the house.]

How to locate an ancestor [gravesite]

1 – Use resources in library
a) Volumes I, II, III, and IV for Wilson County Cemeteries
b) *Wayne County Cemeteries Vol. #1, Gravestone Inscriptions*, Wayne County Historical Association.
2 – Use your own family records
a) Wills, land grants and maps (buy a topographical map) [Follow the land records for your ancestor. When the land changed hands, a land plat was drawn. Study those surveyors' land plats looking for the markings for cemeteries. If the cemetery has disappeared, it may have been marked in the plat for an earlier land transfer. DeLorme's maps are the "topo" maps that he uses.]
b) Use permanent landmarks (rivers & streams) to locate cemetery. [Names of rivers have not changed. Streams most likely have the same names given in the land records.]
c) Ask your oldest living family members. [They may have childhood memories of visiting cemeteries and of persons buried there whose markers may have disappeared.]
d) Ask your friends who have also done research in the area [or the family. They may have pieces of information that support your theories and/or add to your knowledge.]

Take a road trip

1 – Take along a friend or family member who is researching in the same area. [Same reason as d) above. Four eyes, four hands, two brains expand the benefits of the trip.]
2 – Buy or borrow a GPS to record exact location of grave or cemetery
3 – Take chalk or shaving cream to apply to head stone surface to enable you to clearly read weather worn data
4 – Take your own family records. Also extra paper and pencil to correct or add to your information. [Your trip partner's records might also add to your information. Sometimes you find something that triggers a memory or gives an explanation for something not previously understood.]

How to identify a cemetery

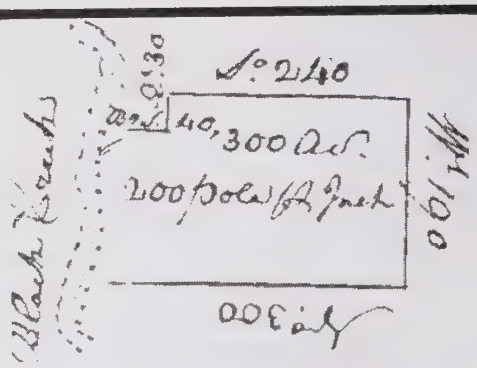
1 – Look for small sections of wooded areas in open fields
2 – Look for a group of cedar trees. [Cedar trees appear in a cemetery more often than other trees.]
a) A lone cedar tree marks a single grave or a very small family cemetery
3 – Don't overlook small, uncleared patches on road edge
a) Highway and improved road systems often pass through cemeteries
4 – When a likely looking site is found with no markers
a) Probe the area for unmarked graves and broken and/or covered stones [A probe can identify spots where the earth's hardpan has been broken through to dig a grave. Once a grave has been located, continuing to probe the spot can help you determine whether the grave was for an adult or a child. Graves were not dug six feet deep. Probing the ground also helps to find buried markers.]
b) If broken stones are found, fit pieces to identify names and dates. [Record your findings and location. More parts may turn up later.]
c) If no stones but obvious graves, look in surrounding wooded areas for stones. [Farmers who encroached on cemteries did what was easiest to clear "their field."]
d) If graves are found, make GPS recordings to easily relocate when additional information is obtained or to enable others to find grave site. [The landmarks may change or the area may have been developed in the future. GPS provides a permanent marking of the area.]

These photographs show the original grave marker for Josiah R. Hinnant, 1771-July 1857, a veteran of the War of 1812, and the marker provided by the Veterans Service. The original marker was found in three pieces about a foot below the ground surface by using a probe.

REUBIN HAYES LAND GRANT

North Carolina Land Grant Office

Contributed by Barbara M. Ferrell



State of N° Carolina, Wayne County
Survey[d] for Reubin Hayes. One Tract land Containing Three Hundred Acres on the South Side of Black Creek. Beginning at Matthew Turner's Corner a pine on s[d]. Creek, & runs his line South forty Pole to the Corner a large w[t]. oak, then along his other line East thirty pole to a pine in s[d]. line, thence with his own old line South two hundred & forty Pole to a Pine thence West one Hundred and Ninety Pole to a black oak in Fra[s]. Hillards line, then with s[d]. line North Three Hundred Pole to an oak on s[d]. Creek, then down the rounds & various Courses of s[d]. Creek to the Begining. 22nd December 1779

W[m] Rentfrow } C.B. Benj. Cobb Sur[y].
John Lucas }

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To Reuben Hayes Oct. 25, 1782
300 Acres on South Bank of Black Creek

State of North Carolina N° 2 To all to whome these presents shall come greeting Know ye that we for and in Consideration of the sum of Fifty Shillings for every hundred Acres hereby granted paid into our Treasury by Reuben Hayes have given and granted and by these Presents do give and grant unto the said Reuben Hayes a tract of Land Containing Three hundred acres lying and being in our County of Wayne on the South side side of black Creek Begining at Matthew Turners Corner a pine on said black and runs his line S°. 40 p°. to the Corner a large White Oak then along his other line E[t] 30 p°. to a pine in said line then with his own old line S°. 240 pole to a pine then W[t]. 190 pole to a black Oak in Francis Hillard line then with said line N°. 300 pole to an Oak on the bank of said Creek then down the rounds & various Courses of said Creek to the Begining as by the plat hereunto annexed doth appear together with all woods waters mines minerals heredetaments and appurtenances to the said land belonging or appertaining to hold to the said Reuben Hayes his heirs and assigns forever yielding and paying to us such sums of Money yearly or otherwise as our General assembly from time to time may direct Provided always that the said Reuben Hayes shale cause this grant to be registered in the registers office of our said County of Wayne within Twelve months from the date hereof otherwise the same shall be Void & of no effect in Testimony whereof we have caused our great seal to be hereunto affixed Witness Alexander Martin esq[r]. Our Governor Capt General & commander in Chief at Fairfield the 25th day of October in the Seventh year of our Independence & in the year of our Lord 1782

Alex Martin Gov[r].

By his Excell[y]. Com[d].
Jas. Glasgow Sec[y]. 1st. Sept. 1783

[Editor's note: The following information was contained in an undated clipping from a newspaper microfilm. A portion of it was also found in the history of the Wilson Primitive Baptist Church, 1756-1946. The writing is in the style of Hugh Buckner Johnston; however, neither document contains an indication of the author.

The congregation of the Wilson Primitive Baptist Church, located at the corner of Green and Jackson Streets, became too small to support the church building and sold it several years ago. It remains in use as a church sanctuary.]

Elder Reuben Hayes is but slightly known in the pages of history. He resided south of Contentnea Creek in that part of Wayne County that is probably embraced in Wilson County at the present time, and was a member of the Tosneot Baptist Church as early as November 16, 1771. There is some evidence that he filled the office of Deacon before being ordained as a minister, and he was preaching fruitfully in the neighborhood of Nahunta as early as the year 1781.

At the death of Elder John Thomas, Sr., in 1788, he became the pastor of the Tosneot Church that had been without an active minister since 1782, and brought it back into the membership of Kehukee Baptist Association at the session held in Whitfields's Meeting House in Pitt County on October 10, 1789. In September 1791, Elder Hayes and Elder Charles Hines of the Bear Marsh Church in Duplin County constituted the Nahunta Baptist Church in Wayne County, and the former seems to have held the new pastorate for some time, although Elder John Thompson had its twenty-five members under his "watchful care" in 1803. Elder Hayes had resigned his pastorate at Tosneot in 1802.

In the Federal Census of 1790, Reuben Hayes was living in Wayne County, New Bern Military District, with a family consisting of two males over sixteen years, four females, and one slave. In the Census of 1810, Reuben Hayes, Sr., was listed with one male under ten years, one male twenty-six to forty-five, one male over forty-five, two females under ten, and three females twenty-six to forty-five. The implication is

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WILL OF RUBEN HAYS (SENIOR)
Contributed by Barbara M. Ferrell

In the Name of God Amen I Rubin Hays of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina Being weak In Boddy But of sound and perfect mind and memory and Knowing it is appointed for man once to dye do this 11th of March and in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty Eight make and publish this my Last will and testament in manner and form following Viz –

Item 1st – I gave and Bequeath unto my Grandson John Hays all of my Lands lying on the East Side of the little Branch so cald to his use for ever –

Item 2nd – I gave to my grandson to my Gideon Hays that part of my Lands lying on Black creek on the upper Side of a Small Branch Between my field & thence a strate cour from the head of the sd Small Branch to the path that Leads to Elias Barnes thence the cours of the path Nearly west to a lane thence the cour of the lane to Jacob Barns line to his use for Ever –

Item 3rd – I gave to my Grandson Amos Hays that part of my lands lying on Black creek Below the small Branch cald Gideons line on to the mouth of the Great Branch thenc with the various courses of sd Branch to Jacob Barns line and all of my lands Lying on the sd west side of the sd Gret Branch that I have Not above Given a way to his use for ever –

Item 4th I lend the remainder part of my lands and plantation where on I now live viz lying Between the Great Branch And the little Branch cald to my Daughter in law Charity Hays During of her Natral life or widow hood and after the Dearth or mareage Of my sd Daughter in law as the Case may be I Gave that part of my lands to my Grandson William Hays to his use for Ever –

Item 5th I Gave to my Grandaughter Milley Hays one feather Bead and furnature Namly the one I commonly ly on my self to her use for Ever –

Item 6th I Gave to my Grandaughter Elisabeth Pope one feather Bead and furnature to her us forever

Item 7 I Gave to my Grandaughter Edith Pope one feather Bead –

Item 8th I lend to my Daughter in law Charity Hays One half of my moveable Property During of her Natural life or widowhood and after the Death or mareage of my sd Daughter in law I gave as the case my be I Gave that half to be Equally Divided Between the children of the sd Charity hays to their use for Ever –

Item 9th I Gave the other half of my movable Property to my Daughter Milley Pope to her use for Ever –

And my Desire is that if my Daughter Milley Pope and my Daughter in law Charity hays do not a gree to Divide my movable Property Between themselves that they two Name three men and they make the Division –

And tenthly and lastly I constitue and appoint my worthy friends Hardy Horn And my Grandson John Hays as Executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other will by me made in Witness where unto I have here unto set my hand and Seal in prescents of

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Elias Barnes

ASA O'NEAL BIBLE UPDATE

The City Directory for Wilson recorded that Zelic and Mary O'Neal Motzno returned to live in Wilson in 1925. They lived on Lee Street across from what was then Atlantic Christian College, and Zelic operated the Motzno and Company grocery store next door to their home.

Zelic died September 23, 1931, and was buried September 24 by Amerson Boswell Undertakers in Goldsboro, N. C. His death certificate named his parents as David Motzno and Mary Cohen, both born in Russia.

Mary was a member of the First Christian Church in Wilson and worked as an untrained nurse attendant.

Mary continued to live at the same address until her death on July 4, 1969. She was buried the next day at Willowdale Cemetery in Goldsboro, N. C., by Thomas Yelverton Funeral Home. Her death certificate named her parents as Asa O'Neal and Toley Walker. The funeral home cited confidentiality of information when they refused our request for names of relatives that might have been listed in their records. (The path of the Bible has probably now been determined since the man who had possession of it at the time of his death worked for Thomas Yelverton Funeral Home in 1969.)

The search for the obituaries of Zelic and Mary did not yield hoped for information. The Daily Times files for 1931 were destroyed by fire. Mary's very brief obituary was located, and it contained the statement, "Survivors include several nieces and nephews." Her graveside service was officiated by the Reverend James Wallace, minister of the First Christian Church of Wilson, N. C.

The Zelic and Mary Motzno home, 607 W. Lee St. The store can be seen beside the house. Photo courtesy of City of Wilson Archives.

PENNINA WATSON RUFFIN AND DR. JOHN KIRKLAND RUFFIN

Hugh Buckner Johnston

Dr. John Kirkland Ruffin, M. D., was born on March 6, 1834, at Hillsboro, the fifth son of Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin and wife Annie M. Kirkland. He lived and practiced medicine for many years in Wilson, at the site occupied after 1898 by the Wilson Sanatorium. Dr. Ruffin lived a rather interesting life after graduating in 1854 from the University of North Carolina, and then graduating in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania.

At the beginning of the Civil War he was practicing in Washington, North Carolina, and was commissioned on May 16 as Assistant Surgeon of the Fifth North Carolina State Troops Regiment. After participating in First Manassas and other early battles, he was promoted to Surgeon of the 49th North Carolina Regiment on May 28, 1862. He was reported at the Episcopal Hospital in Williamsburg from September 1 to October 11, 1862. After serving in the Seven Days Battle around Richmond, Drewry's Bluff, Fredericksburg, and Suffolk, he tendered his resignation on May 20,1864, and became a member of the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners for the selection of recruits during the final winter of the war.

On January 21, 1858, describing himself as of Alamance County, Dr. Ruffin had taken as his first wife Sallie Elizabeth "Bettie" Tayloe, daughter of Colonel Joshua Tayloe of Beaufort County, where she was born on November 21, 1837. She bore a total of seven children and died at Wilson on August 14, 1883. From 1865 until their removal to Wilson in 1876, they had resided in Graham where he had enjoyed a successful practice of his profession. On December 18, 1879, he bought lot 37 in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson.

The circumstances of Dr. Ruffin's having wooed and won Pennina "Nina" Watson Ruffin, daughter of Henry John Gray Ruffin and wife Mary Tartt (herself a native of what is now Wilson County) have not been recorded, but they were married at her old home in Franklin County on March 3, 1886, with the Rev. Benjamin S. Branson officiating. She was born in Franklin County on March 8, 1835, and died in Wilson on May 12, 1891. It is of interest that her aunt Pennina Tartt had become the wife of Dr. Josiah Ogden Watson. On March 15, 1852, a dozen years after the death of their only child, Dr. Watson bequeathed in trust to his late wife's namesake half his household property at "Sharon Plantation" near Raleigh in Wake County and half the value of the land west of his residence there.

The childless Pennina H. Ruffin made her will in Wilson on March 25, 1891, and it was probated on May 15, 1891: (1) husband and executor John K. Ruffin, to enjoy the use of all her lands in Franklin County and Choctaw County in Alabama, the rest of her household property, $2,000 from a policy on her life with the Valley Mutual Life Insurance Company of Virginia, and to sell the land "between the Oxford road and Tar River in Franklin County"; (2) young niece Mary Tart Ruffin, daughter of Haywood Ruffin, the lands heired in my mother Mary Ruffin's will, a small diamond ring, the furniture in my mother's homestead, and all other furniture of mine; (3) niece Delzell Ruffin, daughter of my brother Etheldred Ruffin, the diamond breastpin, half my brother Thomas Ruffin's silver service, and half the Choctaw County lands after my husband's death; (4) the sons of my brother Haywood Ruffin, the other halves of the silver service and the Alabama lands; (5) niece Mary Woodard, wife of John W. Woodard, my diamond ring "now in her possession" and other jewelry, silver pitcher, two silver goblets, and the silver coffee pot marked "W"; (6) nephew William H. Ruffin, alternate executor if my husband dies; and (7) witnesses A. W. Rowland, George W. Blount, and M. B. Atkinson.

Dr. John K. Ruffin died intestate at Wilson on May 22, 1903, and was buried beside both his wives in the Episcopal Churchyard at Hillsboro. On May 27, 1903, Thomas Ruffin qualified as his administrator in Wilson County and reported that a net estate of about $1,250 was due to be divided among Kate R. Sydnor, Annie R. Sims, Sallie A. Ruffin, David T. Ruffin, Sterling Ruffin, Thomas Ruffin, and George M. Ruffin.

It may be of interest that Kate Ruffin was born in 1858 and married Abram Sydnor (born in 1852) of Halifax County at Wilson on November 5, 1885, with the Rev. Benjamin S. Bronson officiating; Annie C. Ruffin married William B. Simms at Wilson on June 12, 1883. Dr. Sterling Ruffin was born at Graham on July 20, 1866, attended the University of North Carolina, and settled in Washington, D. C.; Thomas Ruffin was born at Graham on January 23, 1873, attended the University of North Carolina, and became a prominent lawyer in Washington, D. C.; and Dr. George Mendenall Ruffin was born in Wilson on September 12, 1876, attended the University of North Carolina, and resided in Washington, D. C.

Sources:

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Confederate Military History, (Atlanta, 1899), North Carolina, pages 720-721.

Walter Clark, *North Carolina Regiments,* (Raleigh, N. C., 1901), Vol. I, pp. 281 and 282: Vol. III, pp. 125, 139, and 153; and Vol. IV, pp. 632 and 639.

Johnston County, Will Book 1, pp. 653ff.

Wilson County, Will Book 2, p. 579; Franklin County, Will Book U, pp. 526-531.

Wilson County, Record of Administrations, Book 1, p. 250, file 125.

[Additional information added at the end:]

On March 23, 1876, John K. Ruffin, acting as trustee for his wife and children, took $3,600 of the monies left in the will of the late Annie M. Ruffin of Orange County and bought from R. C. D. and Mary C. Beaman and from Owen W. and Mary J. Jones "the Cotton lot" of one acre in Wilson on Nash Street between Benjamin F. Briggs and Spring (now Douglas) Street, with the George W. Blount lot on Spring Street in the rear; witnessed by R. J. M. Beamon.

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JAMES BARNES WILL
Contributed by Reid Barnes

In the Name of God Amen, I James Barnes of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in Body but of sound mind and disposing Memory do this first day of October One Thousand eight hundred and seventeen make & ordain this to be my last Will & testament in manner and form following that is to say—

First I give & bequeath to my Daughter Drucilla McDade one Negro Woman Milley & her child Ellisha to her and her Heirs & assignes forever, Also I lend to my s^{d}. daughter Drucella one Negro boy named Guilford during her natural life and at her Death I give the aforesaid boy Guilford to the whole of her surviving Children to them & their Heirs & assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Bennett Barnes one Negro boy by the name of Pomp to him and his Heirs and assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Joseph James Barnes one Negro boy named Jacob to him & his Heirs & assigns forever—

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Polly Barnes two Negroes towit, Holly & Minor to her & her Heirs forever—

Item I lend to my Wife Polly Barnes one Negro named Tom and one Negro by the name of Cate during her life and at her Death I give the afores^{d}. Negro Cate after her being delivered of three Children now to my Grandson Theophilus Barnes nevertheless if my s^{d}. Grandson Theophilus dies before he arrives to the age of twenty one years that the above named Negro Cate be divided between three of my Children towit Bennett, Polly & James Barnes to them & their Heirs forever—

Item I give & bequeath to my son James Barnes one Negro Boy named Orson, also the Negro named Tom after the decease of his Mother to him & his Heirs forever—

Item My will is furthermore that my Negro woman Hager be equally divided between my son James Barnes & my Daughter Polly Barnes to them & their Heirs & assigns forever—

Item I also give to my son James Barnes one boy Mow & one Bed & furniture to him & his Heirs & assignes

Item I give & bequeath to my s^{d}. daughter Polly Barnes one Bed and Furniture to her & her Heirs

Item I lend to my wife the Plantation & House where I now live (except such part of my Land as will be devised to my son Bennite during her natural life, also all my Stock of Horses Hogs Sheep & Household and kitchen furniture & Plantation utensils (after paying my just Debts) & at her Death I give the afores^{d}. personal property to be divided between three of my children towit Bennett, James, & Polly Barnes to them & their Heirs &c.

I give & bequeath to my two sons Bennett & James Barnes the whole of my Land to be equally divided between them in Value and for Bennett to hold the House and Improvements whereon he lives, and James the House and Improvements where on I now live after the decease of his Mother all which I give to them & their Heirs & assignes forever.—

Lastly, I do hereby appoint my two sons Bennett & James Barnes Executors to this my last will and Testament making Void all former wills by me made, and declaring this to be my last Will & Testament.

Signed Sealed & Ack.
By the Testator as his last will and testament — James (x) Barnes
Witnesses
Sam. Smith
Orren D. Barnes
David (x) Daniel

James Barnes, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Barnes, died testate about 1826 in Nash County, North Carolina. James wrote his will October 1, 1817, and it was probated in February 1826 Court Term in Nash County, North Carolina. The will is extant in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

[Editor's note: In *The Wills of Nash County, North Carolina, Vol. I, 1777-1848,* Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr. transcribed the names in the bequest to Drucilla as Milly and Elliott. He transcribed Cate as Cato in the bequest to James' wife Polly.]

***(Peninna and John Ruffin,** continued from page 32)*

On May 11, 1880, J. K. and Sallie B. Ruffin mortgaged the half-acre in the corner to W. J. Harriss for $455 at eight percent; but this was paid off by May 10, 1883, indicating the success of Dr. Ruffin's local practice.

On January 30, 1882, John K. Ruffin, Trustee of Sallie B. Ruffin and her children, sold Willis N. Hackney for $1,000 a lot measuring 92x176 feet on Nash Street at the corner of Spring Street and above Garry Fulgham who had bought the former Blount lot.

On April 12, 1898, John D. Ruffin, trustee, Abraham and Kate R. Sydnor of Darlington, S.C., Sally A. Ruffin, W. B. and Annie C. Sims of Halifax County, Virginia, Sterling Ruffin of Washington, D. C., Thomas Ruffin of Washington City, George M. Ruffin of Washington City, and David T. Ruffin of Petaluma, California, sold to Drs. Albert Anderson and Charles E. Moore the lot on Nash Street between the Briggs Hotel and Mrs. Orpha Hackney and backed by Mrs. Pattie Fulghum and A. Katz.

Sources:
1. Wilson County, Deed Book 12, pp. 172-173.
2. Deed Book 16, p. 440.
3. Deed Book 18, p. 264.
4. Deed Book 46, p. 560.

TERAH WILLIAM THOMPSON OBITUARY

***Zion's Landmark,* August 1, 1890**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

T. W. THOMPSON.

Our father, Terah William Thompson, departed this life on the 27th day of Oct. 1889. He was born in Wilson, N. C., and lived with his parents until he became 21 years of age. His father was named Arthur Thompson, who departed this life about eighteen years ago.

T. W. Thompson was a cripple, caused by white swelling which first afflicted him when he was about eighteen years old.—When about twenty-four years old he was married to Clara J. Bizzett, a daughter of Daniel Bizzett. About two years later he moved to the State of Mississippi. Our mother was an invalid nearly all her life, but often have I seen her plow for the support of us little children, while father would be in bed unable to turn himself without aid. Oh! How thankful we are that they, in their sufferings, were permitted to support a family of ten children—four boys and six girls.

About fifteen years ago T. W. Thompson made a profession of religion and joined the Missionary Baptist church, at Pleasant Ridge, where he remained some four or five years when a church of the same faith and order was built and organized at Zion Hill. He remained there until he became dissatisfied with some of the transactions of the church, and he being Church Clerk erased his name form the book. The church preferred charges against him for taking his name off without their consent, but finally withdrew the charge. He then joined the Old Primitive Baptist church, and remained there until his death.

Our mother died three years before our father and after departure it seemed that our father then and there buried all the happiness of this world. He then remained mostly at home with his children. His only enjoyment was in the Holy Bible, the Church History and *Zion's Landmark*. He rejoiced in the hope of the resurrection. Like Job he bore his afflictions with patience. I cannot describe his sufferings in the last few days of his life. One month exactly before he died he was at an Association of his own faith and order, and I am informed by brother Moore, an old servant of the Lord, that he enjoyed himself better, it seemed, than ever before in life.

Three weeks before his death, on a Sabbath day, all the children went to preaching and left him home reading, and on returning found him in bed with a very high fever. A physician was sent for, but when he came the fever was going down. The doctor said his case was not serious, but on returning the second time he found that he was worse. The good physician stayed with us during the night and said that father could not live until morning.—He continued to sink, his pulse ceased while all stood around his bedside thinking every breath would be the last.

I arose, went to the bedside, and seeing him still breathing I immediately offered him a little toddy. The good physician said that he could not swallow, but I offered it to him. He took a little and began to get better, and in a few days was able to be up, but I did not believe he would stay with us long, so much so that I told a good Christian, sister Parker, that I believed my father was living on borrowed time, which seems to be so, for only a few days passed and he was taken sick again and too did our father think that his work on earth was done, he said that only a few more days and he would be with our mother. He arranged his business all satisfactorily with his children, leaving his two youngest children in the care of his unmarried son, Blucher Thompson, he being twenty-two years of age whom he had the utmost confidence in, as he had never heard Blucher use an oath or profane language, nor has he ever tasted a drop of intoxicating liquors. Our father had no fears of death. In his suffering he often said that he wanted to go home. If ever man was prepared for heaven he was. He said while dying that he was entitled to that rest. He was sensible until the last. At times in his illness he could not speak and while in one of those stages an old neighbor (Brother Greer) came in and took him by the hand, shook it and asked him how he was getting along. Our father shook his head and looking upward which was to say, no better, meet me in heaven. It seemed that he knew even the time that he would be taken away, for during the night before he died, being fast sinking, and no one believed that he could last but a very few minutes, he said, poor little Eugenia and Alvin, I will soon have to leave both of you, only to-night and a little while in the morning and then I will have to leave you, which exactly passed. It seemed that the only thing on this earth that troubled him was leaving his children, and especially his youngest, which is a little sickly boy to guide them, but we thank our God … .We must thank the good neighbors and friends for their kind assistance during our father's sickness. After he left us in sadness we sent after an old servant of God, eighty-four years of age, who was an earnest brother and friend. They passed many hours together talking of Jesus and his people. He came and consoled us by accompanying us with our deceased father to the grave. There he gave an exhortation, then sang the song: "Why should we mourn departed friends," &c.

Then engaged in an humble and fervent prayer to God. That very dear old brother seemed to be struck with the most solemn thoughts. He said that it was the most solemn time that had passed with him in a long time, and we still hope that brother Moore will still visit us as children. He will seem nearly like a father now. Our greatest desire is to be as well prepared at the last hour as our parents were, and we ask that the readers of the *LANDMARK* and all true Christians will help us with their prayers that we may walk in the same steps of our father and mother, and be able to meet them with the happy throng of the heavenly host, and may the good Lord guide us in the way of holiness. Oh that God may still bless the poor little orphans of this world.

S. C. THOMPSON.

NEW BOOKS IN THE WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- *Johnson-Lee Families South of The Neuse*, researched, compiled and edited by Ruth Ann Matthis Creech and Rebecca Foote Smith Owens
- *Twelve Northhampton County, North Carolina Families, 1650-1850,* compiled by Rebecca Leach Dozier.

MINUTES FEBRUARY 2008 MEETING

In the absence of our president, Dick Rountree presided over our February meeting. The members and guests were welcomed, the minutes were approved as printed in Trees, and Sue Powell gave the treasurer's report. She reported the expenses, mostly due to mailing, and income from sales of publications and incoming dues and gave the checking account and money market account balances. The money market account contains, of course, money for the publication of the Founding Families book which is still in the works.

Several sections of *Founding Families of Wilson County,* that were sent out to be proofed, have not been returned. Wanda Taylor has been helping to proof those pages. When work on those is completed, Sue will begin on the final phase of the book, readying it for the draft copy which will be used to prepare the index.

Sue gave an update on the Asa O'Neal family bible that is in our possession. She is trying hard to find a family member to whom she can deliver the bible. It is a wonderful old bible, and the family should be thrilled to receive it, if we could just locate them. There were a number of suggestions made in addition to the attempts that Sue has made thus far.

There were a number of announcements, one of which was about the *Greene County, North Carolina Heritage-2008* book. Residents of Greene County and those with Greene County roots are invited to submit a family history and one photograph. It is expected that it will go to print in 2009. The deadline for stories, photos and book orders is July 31, 2008. The address is Greene County Heritage Book, P O Box 536, Snow Hill, NC 28580.

Completing the business for the evening, Jerry Stancil, who needed no introduction, talked to us on cemeteries and how they can be used to expand one's family research. Jerry is very dedicated to the location and maintenance of old cemeteries and shared his experience in finding unknown graves. In addition, he works with members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans unit to rehabilitate cemeteries where Confederate veterans were buried.

His topics covered ways to improve our research efforts using the information obtained from grave markers, ways to locate ancestors, how to identify a cemetery and taking road trips looking for these cemeteries.

Jerry is very dedicated in his desire to find and save these old graves and has had a great deal of success in his diligent searches. His zeal is infectious, and I feel he inspired the group to use some of his methods.

He was interesting and kept our attention until the library was closing.

Frances Roberson

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Wilson County Genealogical Society Board met on February 5, 2008.

The progress of *The Founding Families of Wilson County* was discussed. After proof reading of the book is finished and the corrections are made, it will go to the printers for a draft copy which will be used to compile the index. It was decided that 400 copies will be printed. It was discussed whether to spend money advertising the book or to have a dust jacket printed. The board agreed to use the money for advertising the book.

It was decided to send February *Trees* to those who have not yet renewed their memberships along with another reminder. Updating the email addresses and surnames list for the membership records was also suggested.

The program line-up for 2008 was discussed with several members volunteering to contact potential speakers.

Carol Forbes was asked if she needed help moderating the e-group since Henry Powell is no longer to assist. She said that she and Horace Peele are able to handle it. She said she would appreciate other members' participation in looking up answers to queries.

The calendar sales for 2008 were discussed. We have had many compliments on this year's calendar, and sales have been good. We decided to use the same format for 2009 if enough photographs are submitted by June 30th. Guidelines for acceptability will be published in *Trees of Wilson* and on the e-group.

A local gentleman phoned the library wishing to donate his genealogy books and materials. Deborah Webb asked WCGS to facilitate that. Two board members agreed to meet with him. We have always encouraged persons involved in family history research to be sure that their work is preserved by either donating it to a library or giving it to another family researcher who will maintain it.

Carol Forbes for Frances Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wilson Fire Rescue Services is celebrating its sesquicentennial this year. On April 20, 1858, a town meeting was held at the Courthouse to discuss the need for an organized fire department and obtain more fire fighting equipment. A committee was appointed to approach the town commissioners and citizens for funds..

On April 19, 2008, they will sponsor a parade down part of Nash Street beginning at noon. They plan to include old or antique apparatus such as old hand drawn or horse drawn apparatus, either restored or in original condition.

After the parade, there will be a celebration on the library lawn. Most of the fire trucks in the parade will be on display behind the adjacent BB&T towers for a closer look. There will also be fire safety demonstrations, safety clowns, and musical entertainment.

Come join this fun celebration of Wilson's history.

(Reuben Hayes, continued from page 30)

that Reuben Hayes, Jr., lived with his father and had three small children. On June 15, 1811, the Union (Upper Town Creek) Baptist Church, sent delegates to visit the Tosneot Baptist Church, with whom they maintained a very warm correspondence at that period, and to suggest that "it deal with Sarah and Polly Hayes for 'walking disorderly'." It seems likely that they were the preacher's daughters; the loss of the Tosneot Minute Books draws a curtain over the outcome of this interesting incident.

Elder Hayes made his will on March 11, 1828 (probated in August Court, 1831, the year of his death, aged about eighty), and it indicates that he was either illiterate or excessively feeble … .

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Wilson's Family Heritage

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President's Message

Spring has sprung; the flowers are blooming and everything is new again. New things are happened with the Society also. A new column is being started here in *Trees*. Queries! Do you have that one question you can't find the answer for or that one missing piece of information that will close all the gaps? This column is for you, the members, to ask and share with each other. Send your queries to Editor Sue Powell at the WCGS address, along with your name and contact information. If you can help with another's query, contact that member directly. You both will come away with something new about your family and make a new friend.

Have you noticed the new contributors to *Trees* in past few months? In the January newsletter, I asked you all to contribute to our newsletter. THANK YOU for sending in your articles! Please keep them coming, and we would love to hear from more of you.

The WCGS Publications selection has been expanded. We are now offering J. Robert Boykin's books, *Marriages of Wilson County North Carolina, 1855-1899* (2 Volume Set priced at $75.00 for the set) and *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census*, priced at $40.00. These are very fine books and will come in handy when doing research. These publications have been added to the order form on the back of this newsletter making ordering so easy.

Also, don't forget we are still accepting photos for the WCGS 2009 calendar. Many THANKS to the members who have already sent in photos! I'm looking forward to receiving more.

Wanda Lamm Taylor

APRIL 29TH MEETING

Wilson County Public Library

Assembly Room, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our regular meeting on April 29th in the Assembly Room. "Dr. Doug Rader will present a talk on his successful search for the long-lost Contentnea Quaker Meeting House and graveyard site.

While some Quakers settled as early as 1748 in the region that would become southern Wilson County and northern Wayne County, it took until 1772 for a dense enough community to develop to support a formal meeting. From that date until 1856, when it was "laid down," Contentnea Meeting and its Quaker population dominated this landscape socially and politically.

Although many thousands of people today are descended from those Quaker pioneers, the site of the original meeting house had long been lost after its abandonment. Dr. Rader will present the story of his search in the N. C. Archives for clues to its exact location, and on the land for artifacts to prove it. He will also present anecdotes he discovered along the way about how those Quakers faced the challenge of slavery in the rural South."

Upcoming programs:

May: Maury York, Joyner Library, East Carolina University

June: Social

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here two of his recipes and will continue to publish them in future issues of *Trees*.

Receipt for Billious or Typhoid

Take a full dose of Every Boddies pills or some good pergative pills as soon as they are through opperating, take five Shallenberger pills at a dose, about the same time of day the next day, take about the same time the next day 5 more of the shallenberger pills, and so on until the fever finally abates.. if the fever after taking two doses, does not abate you may know it is a stubern case, in such cases give five of the fever pills twice aday, one early in the morning and the other late in the evening.. Give to drink sage tea instead of water, if the patient has a running off of the bowells make a tea of white bay bark and pine skin and a few pine bows and alum, as is recommended for falling of the womb, by giving this tea freely you will check the fever in 4 or 6 hours then stop the tea, but continue the fever pills until the patient is clear of fever when the fever abates stop all for 48 hours, then give another dose of pergative fully then stop all and give something nourishing to eat, in common cases of chills and fevers, after giving a dose of pergative pills three doses

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WILLIAM CRUMPLER ESTATE RECORD

North Carolina Archives, Wilson County, N. C., 1854-1959, C. R. 105.508.18

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

H. C. Crumpler, Admr. Of Wm Crumpler

To Cash in Bank	254.00
" lot of hoes. Sold to Malinda Patterson	2.30
" 1 mule & cart " " " "	40.00
" 1 sow & pigs " " Eli Crumpler	18.00
" 1 lot Fodder sold to M. Patterson	3.53
" 1 pr traces " " " "	.30
" 1 singletree " " " "	.20
" 1 plow " " " "	.30
	$318.63

Credits

By amt pd Dr. E. G. Moor a/c	76.15
" " " Jno L. Bailey & Co. a/c	2.70
" " " Clerk for letters	2.25
" " " Dr Moor for Coffin	20.00
" " " for Grave stones	24.00
" " " taxes for 1902	6.36
" " " commissions 2½% on R.	7.95
" " " Clerk this return	2.00
	$141.41
To Amt for distributees	$177.22
	$318.63

To Amt	$177.22	
By amt pd Malinda Patterson, her share		44.31
" " " Permelia Robbins " "		44.31
" " " H. C. Crumpler his "		44.31
" " " Myrtie Williams her "		11.08
" " " Clerk Superior Court for Walter Crumpler		11.08
" Eli Crumpler		11.08
" Rosa Crumpler		11.08
		$177.25

Sworn to & subscribed
Before me Jany 2, 1905
J. D. Bardin
cfc

H C Crumpler

(Batts' Medical Formulas continued)

of shallenberger pills will be sfficient, in all common cases give the fever pills but once aday.
directions for children, under 3 years old one pill, from 3 to 6 years 2 pills from six to ten 3 pills from ten to sixteen 4 pills from sixteen up five pills a dose.

Receipt For wounds in the back.

Take some scraped turpentine off of the pine face or box and spread it on a thick cloth, take some beeswax, and some pulverized sulpher warm it by the fire, mix it well on the top side then apply it to the back. This is said to be good for womb deseases when the back is weak and painful

DEMPSEY W. EURE TO WILLIAM CRUMPLER DEED

Wilson County, N. C., Deeds of Sale, 1836-1962, C-E, C. R. 105.401.3

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

This indenture made this 19th day of November AD 1860, between Dempsey W. Eure of the County of Wilson and state of North Carolina of the first part and William Crumpler of the County of Wilson and state aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth that the said Dempsey W. Eure – for and in consideration of the sum of Eleven hundred and sixtyfive Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have, given granted bargained sold and conveyed and does hereby give grant, bargain, sell and convey, unto the said Wm Crumpler his heirs, and assigns a certain tract or parcel of Land lying in the Counties of Nash, & Wilson and bounded as follows, Beginning at a Red Oak in C J Parkers line on the Newbern Road, thence east to a Red Oak in David Hardys line cornering, thence north with the said Hardys line to a marked Pine cornering, thence nearly west with the said Hardys line to a Sour Wood Tree, etc. Eures heirs line, thence south with the Newbern Road to the beginning containing one hundred & forty three and a half acres more or less to have and to hold unto the said William Crumpler his heirs and assigns forever the above described parcel of Land, and I the said Dempsey W. Eure for myself, my heirs, Executors and ___ do covenant and agree to and with the said William Crumpler to warrant and defend the aforesaid premices to him the said William Crumpler his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims of any and all persons whatsoever

The conditions of this indenture is such that whereas the said Dempsey W Eure is justly indebted to the said William Crumpler in the sum of Eleven hundred & sixtyfive Dollars due by bonds one of said bonds for Two hundred & sixtyfive Dollars with interest from date & dated 19th November 1860 & payable the 1st January 1861, one Note for Four hundred (400$) Dollars with interest from 19th Nov 1860 & payable the 1st January 1862, & one other Note for Five hundred Dollars with interest from 19th day of November 1860 & payable the 1st January 1863, as on reference to the bond, will fully appear and whereas the said Dempsey W Eure is honestly desirous of securing the payment thereof now therefore if the said Dempsey W Eure shall on or before the 1st day of August 1863 fully pay off and discharge the said debts then this indenture and every part and clause thereof shall be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect

In testimony whereof the said party of the 1st part has hereunto set his hand & seal the day and year first above written

D. W. Eure

Jos. B. Davis

The Execution of the foregoing Mortgage from D. W. Eure to William Crumpler is proven before me by the oath and examination of Joseph B. Davis, the subscribing witness thereto Let it be registered

March 19, 1862
J. C. Davis Clk
of Wilson C Court

on reverse: D. W. Eure to William Crumpler
Deed Received & Registered
May 7, 1862 – Recorded Book No. 1
Page 789 (or 189). P. P. Clark

Contributor's notes

William M. Crumpler, June 14, 1822-January 22, 1903, and his wife Aquilla, (Emily) July 4, 1828-September 30, 1899, lived in Wayne County in 1850. They had four children: Permelia H., born about 1854, married Jesse Robbins on March 1, 1883; William L., December 22, 1856-June 27, 1892, married Mariah N. Gill on November 29, 1878; Henry C.; Malinda C., born about 1862, married on April 9, 1879 to N. [Nick] D. Patterson, June 10, 1851-August 7, 1900, from Nash County.

In 1860, William Crumpler, age 35, farmer, and his wife Aquilla, age 30, lived in Joyners and Gardners District. Their children Amelia, age 7; William, age 3; and Henry, age 6 months; lived with them.

In 1870, William Crumpler, age 48, farmer, born in South Carolina, and his wife Aquilla, age 48, born in North Carolina; lived in Joyners Township. Their children Permelia, age 18; William, age 14, farm laborer; Henry, age 10, at school; and Malinda, age 8, at school; lived with them.

In 1880, William Crumpler, age 55, farmer; and his wife Aquilla, age 50; lived in Toisnot Township. Their children Permilia D., age 27; and Henry, age 20, farm laborer; lived with them. William L. Crumpler, age 23, farmer; his wife Maria A., age 27; and daughter Myrtie May, age 8 months; also lived in Toisnot Township.

In 1900, William Crumpler, born June 1842, retired farmer, lived in the Town of Elm City. Jesse Robbins, son-in-law, born November 1857, log hauler; Permilia, born June 1853, cook; and Emma, born August 1886; lived with him. Henry C. Crumpler, born November 1859, farmer; and his wife Armanda, born May 1853; lived four households away. Their children Clarence, born April 1883; Lee, born February 1886; both farm laborers; Lillie, born January 1890, at school; and Edgar, born April 1896; lived with them. Daughter-in-law Mirah Crumpler, born November 1852, and her children Walter W., born March 1884; Eli M., born June 1886; and Rosa, born November 1890; lived seven households from Henry C. and Armanda.

PETITION TO PARTITION LANDS OF AQUILLA CRUMPLER

Aquilla Crumpler Estates Records, Wilson County, N. C., C. R. 105.508.18

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

North Carolina
Wilson County — In Superior Court.

William Crumpler
H. C. Crumpler
Malinda Patterson
Pamilia Robbins
vs — Petition for Partition
Myrtie Williams
Walter Crumpler
Eli Crumpler
Rosa Crumpler
Mariah Crumpler

Exparte

To the Superior Court of Said County;-
The above named petitioners, William Crumpler, H. C. Crumpler Malinda Patterson, Pamilia Robbins, complain and allege:-
1st That he the said William Crumpler is tenant by the courtesy consummate of the here in after described land, and joins in this petition to give his consent and agreement to its purpose and intent, and that the said H. C. Crumpler, Malinda Patterson, Pamilia Robbins, Myrtie Williams Walter Crumpler, Eli Crumpler and Rosa Crumpler, are tenants in common and seized in fee – of the remainder in said land after the termination of said life estate, being the heirs at law of Aquilla Crumpler, (deceased wife of said William Crumpler) who died seized and possessed of the following described land, to wit:- Lying and being situate in Toisnot Township, Wilson County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Mariah Crumpler, Elon Winstead, William Viverett, Emerson Winstead, and others; containing 187 acres, and being the same land on which William Crumpler now resides,
2nd That the interest of the petitioners, in said lands is as follows, to wit: (1) William Crumpler is entitled as aforesaid to life estate as tenant by the courtesy consummate; (2) H. C. Crumpler is entitled to, and owns a one-fourth part and interest in said land, (3) Malinda Patterson is entitled to and owns a one-fourth part and interest therein, (4) Pamilia Robbins is entitled to and owns a one-fourth part and interest therein, (each of three last named parties, being one of the four children of aforesaid Aquilla Crumpler), (4) Myrtie Williams is entitled to and owns a one-sixteenth part and interest therein, (5) Walter Crumpler, Eli Crumpler and Rosa Crumpler is each entitled to and owns a one sixteenth part and interest therein, said last four named parties being the heirs at law of Wm Crumpler deceased, (the fourth child of said Aquilla Crumpler,) and as such jointly entitled to and owners of a one-fourth interest in said lands.
3rd . That the defendants, Walter Crumpler, Eli Crumpler, and Rosa Crumpler, are minors without guardian, in the care and custody of their mother the aforesaid Mariah Crumpler.
4th That your petitioners desire to hold & know their shares in severalty
Wherefore, your petitioners pray that you will appoint three commissioners to divide the same into four equal shares, by proper metes & bounds, and allot to each of your petitioners such share thereof as each is entitled to; and if an equal division cannot other wise be made, then to charge the more valuable dividends with such sums as they shall judge necessary to be paid to the dividends of of inferior value, in order to make the division equal, and to report their proceedings under their hand & seals as soon as practicable, into your court.
This the 20th day of Feb – 1902

R T Barnhill,
Atty for Petitioners
William M Crumpler
Consenting Petitioner

[Editor's note: See land platt of the division of land on the next page.]

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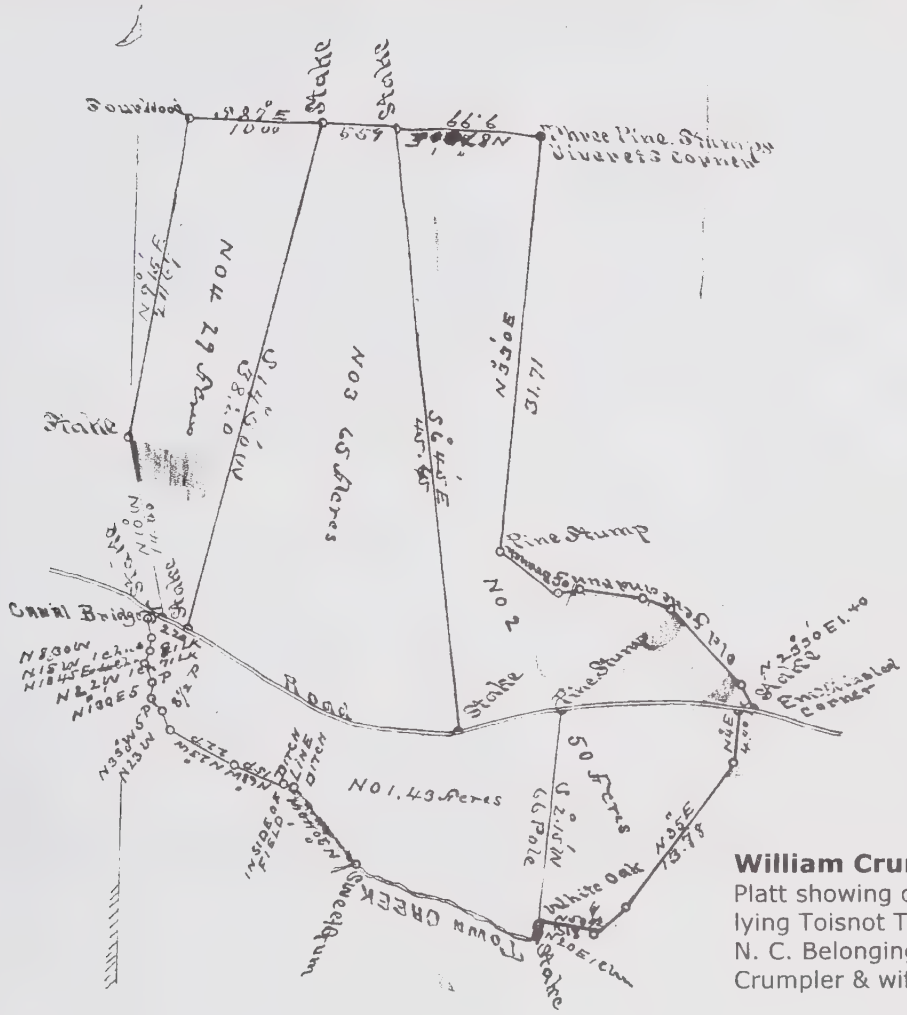

William Crumpler Land Division
Platt showing division of a tract of land lying Toisnot Town Ship Wilson County N. C. Belonging to the heirs of William Crumpler & wife March __ 1902
Jas. _ Taylor Svr

CRUMPLER CEMETERY

Compiled by the Historical Records Survey of North Carolina: 1940, Worker: Stanley Combs

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

WILSON COUNTY, ELM CITY, N. C.

CRUMPLER CEMETERY

Location: About 1 mile north of Elm City on highway 301 to Cobbs Cross Road turn west about 3 miles to Marie Crumpler farm cemetery in field.

Condition: Poor.

Name	Born	Died	Remarks
Bass, Henry H.	June 21, 1904	Oct. 21, 1904	Son of Frank & Cora Bass.
Boone, W. H.	Jan. 3, 1843	June 12, 1903	
Crumpler (infant)	July 6, 1909	Jan. 26, 1910	Dau. of Lee & Lillie Crumpler.
Crumpler, Aquilla	July 4, 1828	Sept. 30, 1899	Wife of W. M. Crumpler.
Crumpler, Ivor Olivia	Oct. 28, 1882	Oct. 15, 1885	
Crumpler, Permelia H.		Jan. 7, 1893	Age 54 years.
Crumpler, W. L.	Dec. 22, 1856	June 27, 1892	
Crumpler, W. M.	June 14, 1822	Jan. 22, 1903	
Farmer, (Infant)		Aug. 2, 1905	Son of Jas. J. & Clee A. Farmer.
Farmer, Clee A. Patterson	May 11, 1884	Aug. 5, 1905	Wife of James J. Farmer.
Patterson, Nick	June 10, 1851	Aug. 7, 1900	
Umstead, Katie G.		April 10, 1900	Aged 13 yr. 28 d
			Dau. of D. S. & S. A. Umstead.
Umstead, Mavetta			Dau. of D. S. & S. A. Umstead

WILSON FIRE DEPARTMENT IS 150 YEARS OLD

"History of the Wilson Fire Department"

History of Wilson County and Its Families

Written by Elizabeth Jordan from information supplied by Fire Chief Tyrus Bissett and Wayne Galloway, Inspector of the local Fire Prevention Bureau

Before Wilson was incorporated in 1849, the town was hardly more than a village and had no organized fire-fighting unit. If a fire broke out, a volunteer brigade of citizens carrying heavy, water-filled leather buckets rushed to the scene and put out the flames. The town had paid $94.40 for the buckets—a considerable amount for those days—and between fires they were stored at the police station for safe-keeping.

Not only did these first firemen receive no pay, but they were charged $2.00 a month dues so that they would be considered active members. However, most of the money went toward paying for dinners for the brigade, and the group was looked on more or less as a social club.

As the town began to grow, local citizens became aware that the community needed an organized fire department and more fire-fighting equipment. On April 20, 1858, a town meeting was held at the Courthouse for the purpose of bringing this about. Twenty-seven names were enrolled at this first meeting, officers elected, and committees appointed to call on the Commissioners and citizens for funds. Among those attending the meeting were John T. Barnes, T. F. Bain, L. Sauls, C. Parker, president; C. J. Rountree, J. Beaman, and L. H. Moye. Some of these men were appointed to draw up by-laws for the company.

As a result of the meeting, enough money was raised to buy a reel-cart—a cart with two wheels joined by an axle, with a hose wound around the axle, and a hand pump. The hose and pump were pulled by hand, by members of the fire department and any citizens who happened to be around when the fire was reported. Though the cart was a big improvement over the leather buckets, it had the disadvantage of sometimes becoming mired in the mud on the streets when there had been heavy rains.

In those early days, as now, there were troublemakers, and the Department had to cope with people who gave false alarms. When the offenders could be caught, the Commissioners subjected them to a fine. Curious citizens also liked to examine the reel-cart, and so it became necessary to store it in the municipal building. Soon the City Hall came to serve as a multi-purpose building, with the City offices upstairs and the Fire Department downstairs.

In 1882, Wilson bought its first steam fire-engine, to be pulled by horses. When it arrived, however, it was discovered that no water was available for pumping, so cisterns had to be dug beside the streets. At one of the first fires that occurred after the new engine was put to use, there was an accident that almost proved fatal to the fire chief, Roscoe Briggs. He fell into a cistern that had been dug beside the street to supply water. At first, the other firemen did not miss him, but when they heard loud cries coming from the cistern, they rescued the Chief just in time to keep him from drowning.

During this period, the firemen sometimes used salt as well as water to help put out fires.

When the Fire Department obtained the new steam engine, the men gave the reel-cart to the black Fire Department, that had been located in about the 400 block of East Nash Street facing Pettigrew Street. This company was referred to, at that time, as the "Red Hot Fire Company." Before World War I the two departments were merged.

One incident involving the new steam fire-engine is amusing to us today, but was not so amusing to those early fire-fighters. The engine needed minor repairs and was taken to the Hackney Bros. Wagon Co. The repair bill was $1.00, but before it could be paid, there had to be a special called meeting of the Commissioners to appropriate the money.

At about the time the new steam fire-engine was paid for, the Commissioners were asked to purchase a new one. It cost $3,000.00, and they agreed to make a down-payment of $500.00 and the remaining payments of $500.00 each.

In the year 1888, a 77-foot wooden bell tower was erected above the combination City Hall-Fire Station, and within it was hung a 3,300 lb. Bell. Inscribed on the bell was "Volunteer Fire Department of Wilson, North Carolina, organized April 18, 1888." That was the first official recognition of the Fire Department.

In January 1889, the General Assembly of North Carolina incorporated the Wilson Fire Department as the Phoenix Fire Engine Company of Wilson that was to have "perpetual succession," and named Alexander Greene, Roscoe Briggs, Doan Herring, W. P. Wooten, and others as part of the group. Officers were to be elected annually, and penalties and fines were to be imposed on those members of the organization who failed to render prompt and efficient service. The members who carried out their duties as required were to receive certain benefits, such as being exempt from jury duty. (Apparently the name Phoenix was soon dropped by the Fire Department.)

Funds for equipment were always short. It was not until 1898 that special protective clothing was provided for the firemen. In 1899, the *Wilson News* of March 2 carried an interesting account of a fund-raising effort by the Department itself: "The Wilson Fire Department today completed arrangements for a fine dramatic attraction under the charge of Messrs. Bertram and Welland, the authors. It is entitled 'The Midnight Fire' and is a great play. The caste will be soon arranged and performances will be given on April 5 and 6. This means a big treat ahead."

Of interest today is an account in the *Wilson Daily News* of April 13, 1901, of the purchase by the Commissioners of a hose wagon from the Hackney Bros. Wagon Co. The article reports that "An order was given Messrs. Hackney Bros., and anyone who today saw the new wagon which they have completed will

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be convinced that they have done the work well. For not only is the wagon a most excellently built and light one, but it is a beauty. However, nothing less could have been expected from this firm. Hackney Bros. do all they undertake well, and Hose Co. No. 3 must be proud of the new wagon this company has completed for them."

The first water pump station in Wilson, for fire protection use, was located near Toisnot Swamp bridge on Corbett Avenue in the early 1900's. There was no fast communication, and sometimes it was difficult to transmit messages from the site of a fire to the pump station, and occasionally ordinary citizens would lend a helping hand. If there was a big fire, Willis Hackney, who lived at the corner of Douglas and Nash Streets, would jump on his bicycle and ride to the pumping station to relay the firemen's request for a stronger water pressure.

In 1913, the first piece of motorized apparatus, a gasoline engine truck, became a part of the Wilson Fire Department. It was bought from the American LaFrance Co. in Elmira, New York, the recognized leader in the manufacture in fire trucks. The 1913 engine purchase was followed by others of the same kind in 1914, 1919, 1926, and 1929.

Many of the names of firemen of those days, and some of today, are familiar to Wilsonians—Frank Farmer, Arthur Ruffin, Russell Griffin, N. B. Herring, Harvey Ruffin, E. W. Davis, L. F. Murray, H. G. Adkins, Lynwood Wilkins, Bob Batten, Phillip Simms, Oscar Stancil, R. T. Wilson, J. R. Suggs, J. R. Brinkley, Robert Chocklett, Ed Nadal, C. R. Joyner, J. C. Woodard, J. B. Whitley, J. H. Pridgen, Frank Hayes, Curtis Hathaway, W. F. Taylor, W. M. Morgan, J. Rupert Stott, Hal W. Wallace, Alton Durham, James Etheridge, Phil Lewis, W. H. Davis, Sid Turner, C. R. Darden, Ike Bailey, Thomas Carpenter, L. V. Deans, Oscar Dawson and B. L. Hedgepeth.

A new volunteer chief, Alton Lee Lancaster, was elected in 1917 by the membership of the company and approved by the mayor and aldermen. He held this position until Wilson went to a city manager form of government. He resigned in 1933, but returned in 1938 as Wilson's first paid fire chief, and the first to have a chief's car. At that time, Department membership totaled 9 paid men and 16 partly-paid men. The pay in 1938 was $125.00 a month for a rookie fireman, and $144.00 for a fireman first class. The operating budget for that year was $31,000.00. ...

During Lancaster's absence, Ed W. Davis, Sports Editor of the *Times,* served for 2½ years as chief; and V. C. Martin, County Coroner, served for 2½ years. In his second term in office, Chief Lancaster led the Department until 1949. ...

Wilson's first fire station, specifically built for the Department, was erected in 1926, at 209 N. Douglas Street. It was designed by architect S. B. Moore and constructed by Wilkins and Wilkins. In the years following, 4 other stations were built. With the improved facilities the Fire Department advanced rapidly, both in regard to equipment and to trained personnel. In 1935, the town bought a red Mack service truck with a 50-foot extension ladder, a change from the earlier, simpler, equipment that was painted battleship gray with gold trim. ...

Emphasis has always been on training. In 1944, the local Department won the National Fire Prevention Award. ...

The Department can look back proudly through the years at its accomplishments. The men have helped to fight some large and dangerous fires, including 2 at Center Brick (1906 and 1951), Hackney Wagon Co. in the 1920's, the City Hall fire of 1927 ... . In all these efforts, the City has never lost a fireman, and injuries have been minor.

SARAH ELLEN PEELE OBITUARY

Nash County, N. C.

Contributed by Horace B. Peele

IN MEMORIAM

On April 11, 1902, at 11:30 o'clock Miss Sarah Ellen Peele, aged 13 years, 11 months, 23 days, the eldest daughter of Mr. Joel E. Peel and Mrs. Anna C. Peele was fatally burned by her clothing catching on fire from some burning straw.

She was an industrious child, and ever on the alert to help papa and mama, as she thought she was doing on that fatal morning.

She was with her father and brother in the field (because she liked to be with them). Then she was sent to another part of the field after their (her father and brother's) coats which was about a hundred yards away. On her way back she noticed a ditch bank full of brushes, and she thought she would burn it and save her papa the trouble, so she found a match in a pocket of the coat and set fire to the straw, which caught her clothing and before her father and brother could reach her she was in a light blaze. From her waist down was almost cooked, while her sufferings must have been intense, she was patient, never murmuring nor complaining. Sometimes she would scream and beg her nurse to kill her. Then again you might ask her if she was in pain and she would say, "no, I am better."

She only lived thirteen days in her sufferings when death came to her relief on the 24th of April, 1901. [sic.?]

When death struck her she asked her father and the nurse to go with her, and told them that she was happy, and was going home.

Father, mother, brother and sister what a blessed thought "going home" is. Have you thought how much is conveyed in those two words? Jesus, you know, said to His disciples that He was going to prepare a home for them. Won't you from this day so live that you, too, can go to that home?

God "moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." He is calling, tenderly calling, come home, come home.

And mother do not weep for your darling any more, for she has gone to meet her little brother on the other shore.

Aunt Bettie

Smithfield Herald please copy

LAMM'S GROVE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH HISTORY

by Mae Pittman

Contributed by Cora Nevitt

Following many brush harbor meetings in this community by pioneer ministers; a long series of revival services (by Annie Cotton) in an old store building, and a tent campaign (by Rev. M. Creech) that lasted four weeks, and many cottage prayer meetings extended over a period of about three years, came Lamm's Grove Church. The attendance to the services grew and the people realized the need of having a public place of worship. H. W. Lamm and wife Lula Scott Lamm gave permission for the people to build an auditorium on their land. H. W. Lamm, Benajah Lamm Sr., Bill Hawley and others who desired to do so gave logs which H. W. Lamm's sawmill crew cut without charge. The 24 by 40 foot auditorium was erected in the year 1914 under the supervision of J.N. Marlowe.

It was a frame construction with eight windows, a single door in front and on west side near back with wood doorsteps. [Another document stated "Heating was supplied by a wood burning stove and hanging mantle lamps were the lights."] The yard was filled with scattered trees which was a great advantage to the horse and buggy drivers.

Rev. F. M. Britton officially organized the first pentecostal holiness church at Lamm's Grove September 6, 1914, with only six charter members as follows: Lula Lamm, Ella Woodard, Lucinda Lucas, Mary Ann Woodard, Maggie Faucette and George Phillingin.

Officers elected were: Lula Lamm, secretary and treasury, George W. Phillingin, deacon.

Trustees were Lula Lamm, G.W. Phillingin and Jerry M. Howell.

The first pastor appointed by the N. C. Conference was Rev. F. M. Britton on November 29, 1914. He had served as supply pastor since it was organized September 6, 1914. Now he has been duly assigned as pastor.

By October 24, 1915, the roll of membership had increased to twenty four.

It being rumored and gossiped that two members had mixed blood in them; the confusion was called to the attention of the church. On September 13, 1916, conference Supt. A. H. Butler came to settle the trouble existing in the church concerning segregation. Four members withdrew on this date.

Seats to begin with were very crude. They were boards on blocks. In the winter of 1915-1916, benches with backs were built to replace the boards. The walls were ceiled in the year 1919.

In the year 1924, a deed was filed in the office of the register of deeds in the Wilson County Court house stating that one acre of land, more or less, has been deeded to the church.

(Registration book no. 153 page 462).

In the early 1930's the discipline of the P. H. Church was revised in a form to exclude all members who indulged in the growth, harvesting or sale of tobacco. It was a great crisis for small country churches that were located in tobacco agricultural areas and affected many local members. As a result of this ruling, several members withdrew, but not all who were affected. In April of 1935, pastor M. D. Sellers formed a petition which was signed by the remaining members to withdraw from the N. C. Conference and operate as an independent church. The petition was presented to the annual conference and granted the same year. The last roll of membership December 15, 1934, remained as follows:

Lula Lamm	Celia Batten Littleton
Addie Gifford	Carrie Lamm Batten
Jonathan Gifford	Minnie Tedder
Nancy Hawley	Mary Jones
Lula Gifford	Sallie A. Tedder
Ellen Lamm	Dora Lamm
Joseph Tedder	L. C. Tedder Sr.
	Vick Tedder

Even though a petition had been granted, the people who had belonged to the N. C. Conference and the church was supplied pastors by the conference. For approximately seven years no records were kept. However, the Sunday school and church services continued by the effort of some who were very faithful. J. S. Tedder was acting deacon upon vote.

And so the first organization of Lamm's Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church existed from September 6, 1914 until annual conference 1935.

Complete roll of membership follows:

Date Joined

Sept. 6, 1914

- Lula Lamm—died Oct. 9, 1956
- G. W. Phillingin—granted letter to Wilson Jan. 15, 1927
- Maggie Faucette—withdrew June 16, 1929
- Ella Woodard—withdrew July 1, 1917
- Lucinda Lucas—withdrew Sept. 13, 1916
- Mary Woodard—Died Nov. 9, 1918

Nov. 15, 1916

- Annie Thorn—withdrew Jan. 22, 1916
- Johnthan Gifford—died Oct. 1, 1943
- Addie Gifford
- Martha Collins—expelled Oct. 24, 1915
- Bessie Phillingin—granted letter Jan. 15, 1927

April 25, 1915

- C. T. Barnes—withdrew Sept. 13, 1916 rejoined Feb. 14, 1918—withdrew Nov. 7, 1918
- Ednie Tomlinson—withdrew Oct. 21, 1916
- Nancy Hawley—died Feb. 14, 1935

Oct. 24, 1915

- James Harvey Lucas—name dropped Apr. 16, 1927
- J. N. Marlowe—withdrew before Nov. 21, 1916
- Pollie A. Price—withdrew July 1, 1917
- Lillie Mae Aycock—named dropped Apr. 18, 1925
- J. H. Faucette—granted letter to Goldsboro Sept. 19, 1931
- Cuzzie Walls Lucas—dropped name Apr. 16, 1927
- Minnie Walls—withdrew Oct. 21, 1916

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Birtha Driver—withdrew Jan. 6, 1917
Anna Aycock—withdrew Jan. 6, 1917
Martha Price—withdrew Jan. 25, 1925
Lula Gifford

Jan. 23, 1916
Elsie Barnes—withdrew Sept. 13, 1917
Mittie Lucas—withdrew Oct. 21, 1916
Mary Prigean—granted letter to Shiloh Jan. 23, 1921
Tommie Whitley—withdrew Sept. 13, 1916

May 28, 1916
B. A. Balley—granted letter May 27, 1923
Helen Balley—granted letter May 27, 1923

Jan. 7, 1917
Ellen Lamm

May 6, 1917
Liddie Barnes Howell—expelled Aug. 23, 1919
Joseph S. Tedder—died May 29, 1972

March 27, 1921
Rutha Murray—named dropped Oct. 18, 1931

July 8, 1921
Celia Batten Littleton
Mamie Davis—dropped name Oct. 21, 1922
Eveline Jones—dropped name Oct 21, 1922
Bertha Phillingin—dropped name Apr. 21, 1923 rejoined Nov. 2, 1924. Name dropped Jan. 16, 1926
Vick Tedder
Carrie Lamm Batten
Viola Faucette—name dropped Apr. 23, 1922 rejoined Nov. 2, 1924. Name dropped July 18, 1925
Minnie Tedder

Sept. 24, 1922
Dizie Davis—died Nov. 11, 1928
L. C. Tedder Sr.
Naomi Hawley—name dropped May 26, 1923
Erna Stancil—withdrew Jan. 27, 1923

Dec. [?] 24, 1922
_____ Jones

Nov. 2, 1924
Lula Godwin—dropped name Aug. 15, 1925
Mollie Ray—dropped name July 18, 1925
Dicie Wood—granted letter July 18, 1925

Oct. 18, 1925
Dora Lamm
Sallie Tedder
Lorrie Murray—withdrew March 18, 1930
Benajah Lamm Jr.—dropped name Jan. 16, 1926

Oct. 2, 1927
J. C. Casper—granted letter June 16, 1929
Etta Casper—granted letter June 16, 1929
W. G. Batten—withdrew Jan. 24, 1928
Bessie Batten—withdrew Oct. 20, 1928
James Batten—withdrew Oct. 20, 1928 rejoined Nov. 15, 1931—granted letter Feb. 18, 1934
P. T. Blackman—withdrew Oct. 20, 1928
Thomas Littleton—withdrew Jan. 14, 1928

Jan. 10, 1928
Annie Mae Lamm—withdrew Oct. 20, 1928

June 22, 1930
Nina Evans—withdrew Oct. 6, 1934
Lila Evans—withdrew Sept. 26, 1934

Nov. 15, 1931
Mae Batten—withdrew Sept. 26, 1934

Dec. 20, 1931
David Lee Pittman—withdrew Sept. 26, 1934

July 17, 1932
Willard Watson—withdrew Sept. 26, 1934
Pearl Bunn—withdrew Sept. 26, 1934

June 18, 1933
Anna Eatman—withdrew Oct. 6, 1934

Monday night Dec. 29, 1941 a group of Christians desiring to be organized into a mission met at Lamm's Grove Church under the supervision of Rev. H. A. Morris and Rev. W. J. Lynch as requested by the pastor Mrs. Eva Bell Brown. Some of those who previously belonged to the church had moved or died in the years that no records were kept.

Elected to office were: Leader: J. S. Tedder
Secretary & Treasurer: Mae Pittman

Charter Members:
Lula Lamm—died Oct. 9, 1956
Johnthan Gifford—died Oct. 1, 1943
Sallie Tedder—died June 11, 1945
Ellen Lamm—died June 3, 1943
Carrie Lamm Batten—died May 30, 1948
L. C. Tedder—withdrew Feb. 27, 1944
Celia Littleton
Ernest Taylor
Vick Tedder—withdrew Feb. 27, 1944
Effie Wilson
Nina Evans Taylor
Minnie Tedder
Pearl Bunn—withdrew Oct. 18, 1947
Etta Evans
Ethel Tedder—withdrew Feb. 27, 1944
J. S. Tedder
Mae Pittman
Anna Eatman—died Nov. 6, 1952

Pastors and Assigned Date

F. M. Britton—Nov. 29, 1914
J. G. Crocker—1916
J. H. Marshburn—Nov. 23, 1918
W. J. Noble—Nov. 20, 1919
J. H. Marshburn—returned Nov. 23, 1920
A. S. Lester—Nov. 25, 1923
J. G. Sewell—Dec. 20, 1924
Harvey E. Johnson—Nov. 26, 1926
J. W. Wellons—Dec. 17, 1927
C. B. Strickland—Oct. 23, 1930
J. M. Howell—Oct. 24, 1931
W. Eddie Morris—Nov. 1933
M. D. Sellars
Wesley J. Noble
E. W. Downing
J. M. Howell—returned
Eva Bell Brown—1940-1941

[The document continued the membership roll through June 3, 1945, and the list of pastors through the current pastor.]

COLONEL THOMAS RUFFIN

Hugh Buckner Johnston

Colonel Thomas Ruffin, son of Henry John Gray Ruffin and wife Mary "Polly" Tartt, was born on September 9, 1820, in Greene County, North Carolina, and removed as an infant with his parents to their newly bought plantation near Louisburg in Franklin County.

After studying in a private academy, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina in 1841. He then studied law at Raleigh under Senator George E. Badger, was admitted to the State Bar, and began his practice in Goldsboro.

Having decided to try his fortune in the Ozark region of Missouri, he became Circuit Attorney for the Seventh Judicial District and made a reputation for himself 1844-1948 as a fearless upholder of law and order at considerable personal peril. In 1846 the University awarded him the degree of Master of Arts, and on August 31 of the same year he became First Lieutenant of the Ozark Mountain Guards, First Infantry Regiment, which had been organized for the Santa Fe Expedition and continued to campaign in the southwest, without actually crossing the border, during the course of the Mexican War.

Returning to North Carolina by 1850, he resumed his practice of law in Goldsboro while becoming active in the Democratic affairs of that area. The celebrated and wealthy Dr. Josiah Ogden Watson of Johnston County thought so highly of him that on March 15, 1852, he bequeathed to him the Scott's or Gulley Plantation in Johnston County complete with some 25 slaves, plus an additional 25 slaves and "Nicey's son Green." On April 6, 1852, Thomas Ruffin of Wayne County sold to John A. Green for $250 part of lot No. 93 on Walnut Street in Goldsboro adjoining said Green, William G. Dortch law offices, and the James Rhodes lot, (as sold by said Rhodes to Thomas Ruffin on April 1, 1852); witnessed by J. R. Green. (Deed Book 23, p. 386)

Dr. Watson's confidence was not unfounded, because his young friend and family connection was elected a Representative to serve in the United States Congress from March 4, 1853, to March 3, 1851. At the secession of North Carolina on May 20, 1861, Ruffin resigned and represented his district in the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States held at Richmond in July. He declined this honor after 1862.

On May 16, 1861, Thomas Ruffin became Captain of Company H, 9th North Carolina State Troops (1st Cavalry) Regiment, C. S. A. His men had been gathered from Wayne, Wilson, Greene, Lenoir, and Craven Counties, after he had declined the rank of Colonel of an Infantry Regiment. For the first two years of the war he served alternately in the field and in the Confederate Congress, participating in twenty-eight engagements. On June 29, 1862, he was captured at Willies Church, Virginia, after which he was confined briefly at Fort Warren near Boston before being exchanged at Aiken's Landing on August 5. In a fierce Cavalry charge at the Battle of Gettysburg, Captain Ruffin received a dangerous saber-cut on the head but shot to death the Yankee officer who had inflicted it. On June 29 he had been elevated to Major of the First Cavalry Regiment, and he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel on July 23, the day after he was admitted to a Richmond Hospital and there furloughed for one week. On October 15, 1863, Colonel Ruffin was "mortally wounded during a successful charge" at Auburn's Mill near Fairfax Court House. He fell from his horse with a Minie ball in his forehead and was conveyed in a dying condition to the Federal Military Hospital at Alexandria. He was "permitted to have kindest attentions from the Southern ladies there, who, after his death, had his remains placed in a private vault from which they were transferred to the Ruffin homestead. His gold watch, jewelry and all personal effects were preserved by his captors and forwarded to his family near Louisburg. Colonel Thomas Ruffin died unmarried October 17, 1863, and sleeps among his relatives in the family burial ground in Franklin County.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Two books published by J. Robert Boykin, which had been out of print, have been added to the WCGS publications list. Mr. Boykin has given to WCGS the right to reprint his abstracts of ***Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census*** compiled in 1984, 503 pages, and ***Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899***, a two volume set, compiled in 1988, 972 pages. The books will be reprinted on an as needed basis and will have a comb binding. The 1880 census will be available for $40 plus tax and shipping; the marriage books for $75 for the set. Books may be ordered by mail, phone (252) 243-1660, or our web site. They will also be available at the Wilson County Public Library.

• We will begin including queries in *Trees of Wilson* and welcome submission of reader's queries for inclusion, subject to space. Queries should concern persons who lived in Wilson County or one of its parent counties. Please write a separate query for each surname, state the time period, and include your contact information. Queries will be subject to editing.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The Wilson County Library was closed for a number of days, but the staff was kind enough to allow us to meet on our normal schedule, and we were most appreciative. Our president, Wanda Taylor, opened the meeting by greeting the members and introducing guests. The minutes were approved as printed in the last issue of *Trees.* Sue Powell gave the treasurer's report.

Proofreading corrections have begun on the *Founding Families* book. Wanda asked for old photos that can be used in the 2009 calendar and that they be sent in by June 30th. A plea was made asking that we not wait until the last minute.

Dues for 2008 are still being accepted. Membership is on a calendar year basis, and those who have not renewed will not receive any future issues of *Trees* until dues for the current year are paid. We welcome new members, and Wanda added that we will send a sample copy of *Trees* along with an invitation to join to those who might be interested in becoming members. Of course, living here is not a requirement.

Sue gave an updated report on the O'Neal Bible. There was a wonderful article in the Wilson Daily Times which had been submitted by Sue, and it generated a number of contacts from people who might be descendants and who showed a great deal of interest. Of course, placing the Bible within the family is the aim of WCGS, so Sue and Carol are answering calls and e-mails from the numerous interested people. It is a treasure for the family!

The index for *2007 Trees* will not be prepared until later as the time is needed for work on *Founding Families.* There have been requests for a reprint of J. Robert Boykin's 1880 Wilson County Census and his Wilson County Marriage Books. He has granted us the right to publish them, but he no longer has a master copy. Barbara Ferrell has offered a copy of the 1880 census and Jerry Stancil the marriage books. We, of course, will replace their copies after the printing is completed. The copy price has not been confirmed.

Doug Rader will speak at our April meeting about the Contentnea Quaker Church. He would also like to have a work session with us to try to locate the site of the land grants along the Contentnea Creek watershed. Maury York will speak at our May meeting about the collections of interest to genealogists in the Joyner Library at ECU, and plans are being made to have a joint meeting with the Wilson County Historical Association in the early fall. That program will be announced.

Among the other announcements was a report from Carol Forbes about the Greene County Heritage Book. Those who have family connections there might be interested in sending family histories. Brochures which give the information regarding article requirements are available in our library.

There were a few other announcements but no member discoveries, so with the business segment completed for the evening, Wanda introduced Ward Sutton.

Ward is a grave relocator and for the remainder of the evening, we learned a great deal about the requirements, laws and problems that are faced in the moving of graves.

The N. C. statute #6513 gives 4 pages on relocating graves. A reasonable search must be made to find the next of kin and when there are no names, the search is much more difficult. An advertisement must run in the paper for 30 days (running 4 weeks) giving notification of the intention to relocate the graves. Obtaining permission from the city or county manager must be done asking for his blessing on the procedure with a public hearing of the governing body. The relocation site is given; all expenses are to be paid by the mover, and the move is made under the guidelines of DOT specifications that hopefully will satisfy all families.

Graves of families that had land grants and the land remained in the family for generations are the easiest to move as fewer permits are needed in the search. When farms are sold the cemetery does not go with the sale as the cemetery belongs to the people who are buried there. An easement is required from the highway to the cemetery.

The 1930s aerial maps are often valuable in the search for unmarked cemeteries. In the 30s, President Roosevelt had the U. S. photographed from the air. Aerial maps have been done about every 6-8 years, and they are sent to Salt Lake City, but the older ones are in National Archives.

A few interesting facts:

- The average adult grave is about 4 feet deep, a baby's 3 feet deep. An adult grave measures 3'x8'.
- Slaves were buried north to south. Farm owners of European descent were buried east/west. The wife was buried on the husband's left as they were in the marriage ceremony.
- After 75 years, in this area, decomposition is essentially complete. Teeth are the last thing to go.
- There are more bones in a baby's skeleton than an adult. (Babies skulls have not yet fused.)
- Women usually have a sharper chin. The female pelvis arch is more than 90 degrees—a man's is less.
- Buttons help identify a man from a woman.
- Family cemeteries are usually on the highest land of the farm, equi-distance from the well and septic tank.
- Grave markers may have been purchased later and the dates recorded by memory.
- Embalming, as we know it, started during the Civil War using arsenic which was outlawed in 1899, and even today that causes some concern in water supplies in rural areas.
- Remains being relocated are placed in containers 24 in. by 16 in. by 12 in. and 5 containers will fit in one burial grave. At the new location of the graves, a marker is erected to identify the original location, number of graves, and known names.
- Records of reinterments are kept in the county Register of Deeds office.

Ward made a most interesting presentation, and the time gave out all too soon.

Frances Roberson

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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1870.	$30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1880.	$40.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1900.	$40.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Marriages, 1855-1899	$75.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume I	$30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume II	$30.00
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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume IV	$30.00
___ Wilson County's Architectural Heritage	$20.00
___ Wilson County's Founding Families (prepublication) (tax included) **NEW**	$35.00

Maps

___ Wilson County Historical Map	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #1	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #2	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #3	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #4	$5.00
___ Town of Wilson, Map 1872	$5.00
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___ Wilson County Waterways	$5.00

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___ Cemetery Finder (paper) donation	$5.00
___ Wilson Co. Estates Inventory (paper) donation	$5.00
___ 2002 WCGS Calendar (Rock Ridge area)	$5.00
___ 2003 WCGS Calendar (Gardners Township)	$5.00
___ 2005 WCGS Calendar (Elm City)	$5.00
___ 2006 WCGS Calendar (Black Creek)	$5.00
___ 2007 WCGS Calendar (Lucama)	$5.00
___ 2008 WCGS Calendar (family photographs)	$10.00

Payment and shipping: Shipping cost for each book is $4.00 ($8 for *Wilson County Marriages,* a set of two books). Shipping cost for maps is $4.00 for 1-4 items. Add 6.75% sales tax for NC residents on merchandise total (not on shipping).

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President's Message

In this issue of *Trees* and some to follow, you will find *Aycock Family History*. As I was helping Sue transcribe this story, I could not help but remember my Pa and Granny "in the country." I grew up in the City of Wilson; my paternal grandparents lived in town, and my maternal grandparents lived "in the country." Even though the Fremont story describes an earlier time, some of their ways were like my Pa and Granny's ways. I would spend weeks at a time at their house off Highway 581, south of Buckhorn. I remember the harvesting of the dry corn and Pa putting away some in the corncrib. I always thought the crib was a neat building. I would go with Pa to get corn to feed the hogs and chickens. That crib is gone now, but I remember it vividly.

My Pa had a large pea-patch. I picked many peas growing up. I miss the taste of Pa's peas; none have compared since. Pa always had an abundant supply, never a bad crop, and was so generous with his crop to neighbors, family and friends. He's fed many people that had nothing else to eat.

Of course, there was tobacco. I helped with the harvesting of that. At the barn, my Granny was a stringer, and my job was to "hand" to her. The old fashioned way was how they put in tobacco. I can see him now on his red tractor trucking the tobacco to the barn.

Pa always had his smoke house full of hams and sausage. Granny would always have ham and biscuits on the dinner table. Her ham biscuits were known by neighbors for miles around. Even delivery people were offered ham biscuits, and they did eat.

I could go on and on talking about my grandparents. They are gone now, but my uncle still lives at the home place. I hope the *Fremont* story will remind you of special times and family in your life. Write your stories down! Pass along to your descendants stories of your life growing up and how your family did things, and remember to make memories and living history now with your own family.

Wanda Lamm Taylor

MAY 27TH MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our regular meeting on May 27th in the Assembly Room.

Maury York, Assistant Director for Special Collections at Joyner Library, East Carolina University, will tell us about the many records available in their library to assist persons in their genealogical research. The Special Collections include the Manuscript, Hoover, Rare Book, and Schlobin Collections, and the University Archives. The Manuscript Collection also includes Map, Military, Missionary, Naval and Maritime, North Carolina, Oral History, and Tobacco collections. Many of our members have researched at Joyner Library and have been excited about records that they found there.

June Social plans to be announced!

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*"

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here two of his recipes and will continue to publish them in future issues of *Trees*.

A Receipt For Making Ointment

Take a large grasp of sweet fearn, and about one fourth of a plug of tobacco six or eight pods of red pepper put them in a sufficient quantity of water to boil out the strengthe when sufficiently boiled take out the dreg then add one quart of lard and half pint of fishing worms then boil it down until all of the water is dried out then sit it off the fire when it begins to cool stir a good quantity of fine salt in it, Directions for stiff joints rub one time aday until the joints becomes limber, for women with milk leg rub them well with the ointment from their hips down to the bottom of their feet twice aday until they swage down

Ointment For Old Soars.

Take one ounce of gum camphor beat it fine add one tablespoonful of good clean tar and one tablespoonful of mutton souit or lard if the suit can't be had, put them in a skillet set it on a slow fire keep it well stird until the camphor disolves then set it off of the fire let it cool then it is ready for use. If the soar is full of petrified matter just apply one or two plasters of number six drugs to purefy and cleanse the soar after it is cleansed apply 2 plasters aday of the ointment this ointment is good to kill itching humors teters &c.

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CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Abstract of the list of Delegates from the Minutes Book

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

The Primitive Baptist Churches in the Contentnea Association in what became Wilson County were (in alphabetical order) Black Creek, Moore's, Oak Grove, Scott's, Toisnot, Town Creek, Union, Upper Black Creek, and White Oak. Meadow and Mewborn were in Greene County.

Black Creek

Oct. 24, 1830.	Arthur Bardin, Jas. Barnes, Rufus Daniel
Oct. 25, 1834.	Arthur Bardin, Wm. Bass, James Barnes
Oct. 23, 1835.	Arthur Bardin, Wm. Bass, James Barnes
Oct. 21, 1836.	not represented
Oct. 30, 1837.	Arthur Bardin*, Jas. Barnes, Wm. Bass
Oct. 26, 1838.	not represented
Oct. 25, 1839.	Wm. Bass, Isham Lamm, A. Bardin
Oct. 23, 1840.	J. A. Barnes*, J. Lamm, Arthur Bardin
Oct. 22, 1841.	Wm. Bass, Isham Lamm, A. Bardin*.
Oct. 21, 1842.	Wm. Bass, Jas. A. Barnes, Isham Lamm.
Oct. 30, 1843.	Wm. Bass, Lindsey Bell, Abram Lamm.
Oct. 25, 1844.	Wm. Bass, Lindsey Bell, Abram Lamm*.
Oct. 25, 1845.	Wm. Bass*, Lindsey Bell, Isham Lamb*.
Oct. 23, 1846.	Wm. Bass, Lindsey Bell, Abram Lamm*.
Oct. 22, 1847.	Wm. Bass, Lindsey Bell, Abram Lamm*
Oct. 27, 1849.	Wm. Bass, Lindsey Bell, A. Lamb*.
Oct. 26, 1850.	Elder Wm. Bass, Lindsey Bell, A. Lamb*.
Oct. 26, 1851.	Wm. Bass, Lindsey Bell, Abram Lamb.
Oct. 23, 1852.	Wm. Bass*, J. Lamb*, A. Lamb.
Oct. 22, 1853.	W. Lucas, Jacob Taylor, A. Lamb.
Oct. 22, 1854.	W. Russ, Wm. Lucas, Isaac Lamb*.
Oct. 29, 1855.	Wm. Bass, Wm. Lucas, Jacob Taylor.
Oct. 27, 1856.	Elder Wm. Bass, Wm. Lucas, Isaac Lamb.
Oct. 09, 1857.	not represented.
Oct. 08, 1858.	Wm. Lucas, Jacob Taylor.
Oct. 09, 1859.	not represented.
Oct. 14, 1860.	Wm. Lucas.
Oct. 13, 1861.	Wm. Lucas, Jacob Taylor
Oct. 12, 1862.	Wm. Lucas, Jacob Taylor
Oct. 11, 1863.	Wm. Lucas.
Oct. 09, 1864.	Wm. Lucas.
Oct. 08, 1865.	Wm. Lucas.
Oct. 09, 1865.	Wm. Lucas, on list of ministers
Oct. 14, 1866.	not represented.
Oct. 13, 1867.	Wm. Lucas*.
Oct. 10, 1869.	represented by letter.
Oct. 10, 1870.	Henry Fields, Wm. Lucas.
Oct. 09, 1871.	not represented.
Oct. 14, 1872.	Ishaim Lamm, John Hays.
Oct. 13, 1873.	John Hays, Gideon Hays, J. H. Worrell.
Oct. 11, 1874.	Thomas Boyette*, Ger. Bass, J. H. Worrell.
Oct. 10, 1875.	B. Boswell, G. Hays, H. Worrell.

Moore's

Oct. 11, 1874.	T. C. Thomas*, Elder H. J. Moore.
Oct. 10, 1875.	Elder A. J. Moore, J. D. Scott, H. D. Barnes*

Oak Grove

Oct. 24, 1830.	Irwin Moye, Titus Carr, Benj. Briley.
Oct. 25, 1834.	John Ringgold, Titus Carr.

* denotes absent

[Editor's note: The lists will continue in future issues of *Trees*.]

JOHN FLOWERS
Hugh B. Johnston Files

John Flowers (1761-1805), son of Henry Flowers and wife Nancy ____, patented 250 acres in Nash County on Contentnea Creek adjoining Shepherd's Branch, Ephraim Phillips and Sanders on October 25, 1782.[1] On November 6, 1786, John (x) and Elizabeth (x) Flowers of Nash County sold Joseph Wright for £20 a tract of 250 acres on Contentnea Creek adjoining Shepherd's Branch, Phillips, and Saunders, witnessed by James Cobb, Simon Bell and Lemuel Wright.[2] In the Nash County Census of 1790 John Flowers (Henry's) appeared with himself, two males under sixteen, three females, and two slaves.[3] On February 26, 1791, James Brown sold John Flowers for £45 in Virginia currency 250 acres north of Wilder's Mill Branch on Cancer Branch and Rooty Branch, witnessed by Jonas Williams and John Vick.[4] On February 11, 1798, John Flowers entered 133 acres in Nash County in the Fork of Wilder's Mill Branch and Armstrong's Branch adjoining Henry Horn, Flowers and Moore.[5] On November 22, 1806 he (or his estate) was granted 73 acres on Cabin Branch adjoining Cockrell, Horn, himself, Viveret, Eatman and the Bloomery Line.[6] February Court, 1806, widow Judith Flowers petitioned for a year's provisions from his estate.

On May 12, 1807, (by order of the February Court), Samuel Winstead, Thomas Horne, Lewis L. Lamkin, and Solomon D. Parker, with the assistance of surveyor Samuel Smith, divided the property of John Flowers, deceased, among the three heirs:[7] (1) Henry Flowers, the home plantation of 1,168 acres on Tosneot Swamp adjoining William Horn; (2) Nancy Mann, 556 acres (the Jethro Phillips tract) north of Big Swamp adjoining Jonas Williams and Benjamin Flowers; 73 acres in a small tract; (3) Edward Flowers, 1,592 acres on Turkey Creek adjoining Devaughan, Henry Horn, Wilder's Mill Branch and Patt's Branch.

Children of John and Judith Flowers

1. Henry Flowers, died before December 1, 1849, wife Charity, children Nancy (born 1831), Charity (born 1833, married William Taylor), and Judith E. (born 1838).
2. Nancy Ann Flowers, married Claiborne Mann on March 10, 1805, in Nash County, North Carolina. Their children were Wright Branch, Susan, Virginia, twins Guilford and Gilley, Pender, and Pettaway.
3. Edward Flowers

Notes:

1. Nash County, Deed Book 3, p. 146.
2. Deed Book 1, p. 359-A.
3. Heads of Families, etc., p.70.
4. Nash County, Deed Book 4, p. 99-A.
5. Land Grant Office, Entry 23, No. 07.
6. Patent Book 121, p. 272.
7. Nash County, Deed Book 14, pp 450-451.

[Editor's note: Mr. Johnston included a handwritten note on this document that the record for John (and Elizabeth Flowers) might have been a different John.]

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, 1807-1860
Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

Under laws authorizing the involuntary apprenticeship of poor orphans and the children of unwed mothers, county courts in antebellum North Carolina removed thousands of children from their homes to be bound out. In Wayne County alone, hundreds of indentures dot the pages of court minute books. Many indigent children lived under the threat of indenture, but free children of color were particularly vulnerable. As many as one in five in Wayne County were bound, mostly in groups of siblings and often moved from master to master by the courts. Involuntary apprentices served their masters until age 21 in exchange for training in an "art" (usually farming or sewing) and provision with "sufficient Diet, Washing, Lodging and Apparel." Early requirements to teach reading and arithmetic were dropped around 1830.

[Note: The data in the first five columns was abstracted from apprentice records housed among Wayne County records at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh, N. C. The information in the last three columns is derived from several sources, principally census and marriage records. Please confirm before citing. For more information, contact the author at lyhend@aol.com.]

[Editor's note: The table of "Free Children of Color Apprenticed in Wayne County, N. C., 1807-1860" begins on page 52. The apprenticeships are listed in chronological order. Additional pages will be included in the next six issues of *Trees*.]

UNITED STATES PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
Abstracted from Ancestry.com
Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

Beginning on page 56 of this issue, we begin the inclusion of tables of data regarding passport applications submitted between 1795-1925 by persons with ties to Wilson County. The remaining tables will be included in the next five issues.

Unfortunately, the page divisions did not always work well for this format, and we will find it necessary to complete the "Description/Details" block at another place within the issues of *Trees*.

In this issue, the last line of "Description/Details" for Annie H. Branch is "Brown Shephard, lawyer, Raleigh, N. C.; photo attached."

NEW BOOKS IN WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- *Duplin County, North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1798-1803, vol. 5,* abstracted and compiled by Leora H. McEachern;
- *Buncombe County, North Carolina, Index to Deeds, 1783-1850,* compiled by James E. Wooley
- *Some Pioneers from Wilkes County, N. C.,* compiled by Mrs. W.O. Absher.

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

NAME	AGE	MASTER	YEAR	OCCU.	PARENT[1]	SPOUSE	CENSUS
Bennett Artis	---	John Woodard	1807	---			
Jonathan Artis	4	James Sparkman	1807	shmkr.		Priscy _____	40/50/60 Cumb'land?
Abram Johnston	---	Joel Newsom	1807	---			
Haywood Hagans	---	Tho's Broadstreet	1807	---			
Patience Hedgman	---	James Reasons	1812	---			
Welthy [Artis]	15	Steph'n Woodard	1820	---			
Ned [Artis]	4	Steph'n Woodard	1820	---			
Kinnard Sampson	7	Steph'n Woodard	1820	---	(alias Artis)	Melvina Reid	50 Wayne
Liza Sampson	12	Steph'n Woodard	1820	---	(alias Artis?)		50 Wayne
Jere Sampson	2	Steph'n Woodard	1820	---	(alias Artis?)	Mary _____?	50 Wayne
Rufus Seeberry	6	Henry Best	1820	---		Dolly _____	40 Wayne; 60 Johnston
James Madison Seeberry	8	Henry Best	1820	---			
Bitha [Tabitha] Reed	10	Thomas Person	1821	spinster	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Jacob Coley, slave; Everett Hays	50/60/80 Wayne
Vina [Melvina] Reed	8	Thomas Person	1821	spinster	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Kinion Sampson, alias Kinion Artis	50/60 Wayne
Zion Reed	6	Thomas Person	1821	farmer	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Lucy (Smith?)	50/60/70/80 Wayne
Washington Reed[2]	3	Thomas Person	1821	farmer	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Penninah _____	50/60/70/80 Wayne
William Hagans	6	Thomas Person	1821	farmer			
Whitly Hagans	5	Jesse Bardin	1822	farmer			50 Bladen?
Larkin Hagans	3	Jesse Bardin	1822	farmer		Eliza Artis; Mariah Hagans	
William Artis	---	Steph'n Woodard	1822	---			
Theo King	---	Mark Smith	1822	---			50 Wayne
David Lane	7	Matthew Grace	1822	---			
Henry C. Berry [Seaberry]	8	Simon Copeland	1822	farmer			
Vina [Melvina] Hagans	16	Robert Hooks	1824	spinster	Druzilla Hagans?		
Eli Hagans	18	Robert Hooks	1824	---	Druzilla Hagans		50 Wayne
Sherard Hagans	9	Robert Hooks	1824	farmer	Druzilla Hagans	Nancy Hall	50/60 Wayne
Poll	14	Blake Hooks	1824	spinster			

1 Unless otherwise noted, all parents were free people of color.

2 Washington Reid's children Louisa Reid Barnes, Henry S. Reid, Elijah Reid, and J.D. Reid settled in Wilson and Wilson County.

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

Major	12	Blake Hooks	1824	farmer			
Vina [Melvina] Seaberry	7	Henry Best	1824	spinster	Druzilla Hagans?		
Mary Herring	18	Tobias Burns	1824	spinster			
Nancy Burnett	11	James Musgrave	1824	spinster			
Micajah Burnett	13	John Cox	1824	farmer	Elizabeth Burnett	Sarah _____	40 Johnston
Lewis Artis	12	Woodard Daniel	1824	farmer			
Dolly Burnett	---	Robert McKinne	1825	---	Elizabeth Burnett	Solomon Hall	50/60/70/80 Wayne
James King	11	Uriah Langston	1827	farmer		Susan _____	60 Wayne
Hillary Hagans	10	Molly Boyte	1828	farmer	Druzilla Hagans?	Victory ____; Mary A. _____	50/60 Wayne
Elizabeth Hagans	8	Molly Boyte	1828	spinster			
Henry Hobb[s]	5	Reddick Barnes	1829	farmer	Mary Hobbs	Elizabeth _____	50 Wayne; 60 Johnst.
David Artist	15	Steph'n Woodard	1829	farmer			
Edith Artist	13	Elisha Woodard	1829	spinster			
Polly Burnett	12	Young Wood	1829	spinster			
Lawrence Hagans	11	Joseph Daniel	1829	---		Charity _____	50/60/80 Wayne
Haywood Hagans	---	Joseph Daniel	1829	---			
Council Capps	4	Lovet Stephens	1829	---		Catherine _____	50 New Hanover?
John Reed	4	Jesse Bogue	1830	shoe maker	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Mozana Hall	50/60/70 Wayne
Isaac Reed	2	Jesse Bogue	1830	farmer	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Adelaide Boylan	50/60/80 Wayne
Patty [Martha] Reed	6	Jesse Bogue	1830	spinster	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Dempsey Hall	50/60/80 Wayne
Betsey Burnet	9	Lovet Stephens	1830	spinster	Elizabeth Burnett	_____ Burke	50 Wayne
Micajah Burnet	9	Lovet Stephens	1830	---			40 Johnston
George Ward	12	Nathan Davis	1830	farmer			
John Hagans	2	James Martin	1831	farmer			
James Wiggins	6 mo.	Robert Langston	1831	farmer			
Jordan Wiggins	2	Robert Langston	1831	farmer			50/60 Wayne
Rufus Lane	5	James Forehand	1831	farmer			50 Wayne
Willie Hagans	9	Steph'n Woodard	1831	farmer			
Phereba Hagans	5	Matt'w Copeland	1831	spinster			
Lawrence Hagans	13	Edwin Bryan	1831	farmer			
John Artis	11	John Davis	1832	---			
John Capps	6	James Everett	1832	farmer	Angy Capps	Lany____; Lucinda _____	50/70 Wayne
Joe Capps	---	---	1832	---	Angy Capps?		

AYCOCK FAMILY HISTORY

"Fremont, North Carolina Social History, 1859-1918 and Aycock Family History"

Written by Selby A. Daniels

Contributed by Barbara M. Ferrell

[Editor's note: If you are lucky enough to have a similar written record of the oral history of your family's daily life, you have a valuable treasure. For those of us who do not have your family's story, this oral history is probably similar to the daily lives of other families who lived in the rural areas. The Aycock family story will be continued in future issues of *Trees.*]

Many of the homes in the Fremont area were of the same identical architecture as the Benjamin Aycock home just south of Fremont where North Carolina's educational governor, Charles B. Aycock, grew up.

The Joshua Aycock home located three miles north of Fremont on the old Seven Bridges road to Black Creek and Wilson was of the same identical architecture. This home and 166 acre farm was deeded to Joshua Aycock by his mother, Polly Daniel Aycock on January 18, 1853 with a copy of the deed found in Grantor deed book 23, page 452 in the Wayne County Court House, Goldsboro, N. C. This farm and homestead had been previously owned by a Wooten family, with the 166 acres representing the inherited tracts by two Wooten heirs, W. P. Wooten and Lucinda Wooten.

Joshua Aycock was the great-grandfather of this author, and his homestead is the place where this author grew up during the late 1920's and during the Great Depression of the 1930's.

Joshua Aycock died at age 26 after living in the former Wooten homestead for only four years. One of his two daughters was Charity Aycock, who married Gary Frank Aycock. These were my grandparents. Their grandfathers were brothers: Gary Frank Aycock's grandfather was Simon Aycock and Charity Aycock's grandfather was Timothy Aycock. Simon and Timothy's brother James was the grandfather of Gov. Charles B. Aycock.

Charity Aycock inherited the homestead from her father Joshua and she and her husband Gary Frank raised a large family there. Their youngest child, Annie Charity Aycock was my mother. She inherited a reduced acreage farm and the old homestead.

It was my grandfather Gary Frank Aycock who secured the services of a farmer-neighbor who was also a carpenter, and had the homestead renovated in the early 1880's to the same style architecture as the birthplace home of Gov. Charles B. Aycock.

Originally, a combined kitchen and dining room building was located about sixty feet to the left or west of the main house. It was called "the kitchen house," and was used until my mother was grown. She used to recall many items of family folklore about this kitchen house. It was the scene of happiness at meal times and where younger children often fell asleep after the evening meal before their mother had finished cleaning up the dishes, pots and pans.

This kitchen had a larger than normal fireplace where all cooking was done over hot coals with a "spider" pan, or in pots suspended from a small iron rod anchored across the upper part of the fireplace. The "spider" pan was a heavy iron pan with a cover, usually used primarily to fry meat dishes such as fried chicken, sausage and pork chops. Using the "spider" pan with its long handle (to protect user from fire heat) required adept handling and strength, and thus was not adapted for use by small women frail of limb.

I do not now remember the dimensions of this huge wide fireplace, but I do remember it was large enough for children to sit on one side, inside the fireplace on cold days and nights, and this was called "sitting in the chimney jam." With watchful parents this was quite safe. The main part of the fire was kept away from the "chimney jam," sometimes even adults would sit there.

Many farm and home chores took place in the "kitchen house" beside cooking. This was due to the hard fact of maintaining only one fire during long winter nights. The heating efficiency of open fireplaces is so poor, plus the fact it would keep one person busy cutting, splitting and bringing in logs to keep more than one fire going, without allowing time for other necessary chores that women did back then such as spinning (both spinning wheel and flax wheels) and other duties. In fact, many women spent the greater part of their work day in the "kitchen house," particularly during the winter, and seldom built a fire in the main house, except on Sundays or when company came.

Oftentimes the kitchen house was the scene or place were the man of the house did many of his special chores, more particularly on rainy winter days. One of these chores was finishing "slats," literally smoothing the surfaces of these long, narrow and thin strips of choice white oak wood used for a host of applications such as chair bottoms, porch sun shades and all types of baskets. The most functional basket for men to use on the farm was the large corn basket or "right-up" basket. Some farmers made these baskets to exact measurements dimensions of one, two and three bushel capacity; while others made to [no?] attempt to make exact measurement baskets. When tobacco growing was first introduced in the Fremont area by Francis (Frank) Marion Aycock, Charles B. Aycock 's oldest brother, these large-sized "right-up" corn baskets were used by tobacco croppers who filled them heaping full of green tobacco leaves, then carried the full baskets on their shoulders to the end of the row. This was done for many years before mule-drawn "sleds" and "tobacco trucks" were used.

Corn was considered a staple food, as being absolutely necessary in the daily diet. As a daily food starter, corn meal mush was made for breakfast. Corn meal mush, with light salt seasoning and ham gravy poured over it provided a very tasty breakfast delight. In the absence of ham gravy, pure butter was a good substitute in corn meal mush. Grits were sometimes used as a breakfast food; again ham

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(Aycock Family History, continued from page 54)
gravy or butter used as with mush. If enough leftover breakfast grits were left over, the now coagulated grits were sliced with a knife into small pieces, dipped in egg batter and fried in a frying pan for lunch ("dinner") or supper.

Eastern North Carolina women did not bake corn bread at this time. The corn meal was sifted (shaken) through a metal screen in the bottom of a round tray to get out all the corn husk. Water and salt were added, then stirred to a pouring consistency, and finally poured on a hot griddle for cooking. There is an art to pouring the exact amount on the griddle so as not to overrun the sides of the griddle. Both sides are thus cooked into a very tasty "hoe cake," which, when eaten while still hot with butter added, is like the taste of nothing else on earth. Many children made a whole meal of hot corn bread and milk. Some families had this kind of corn bread three meals a day; it very definitely was served at least two meals a day everywhere around Fremont during those post Civil War years until World War II began.

The "kitchen house" was structurally a small rectangle building with two doors (one on each side) and small windows on all four sides. The chimney was on one end. Every kitchen house had a pantry or food storage space, but some of these kitchens became a "catch-all" for items more suited for barn or outbuilding storage, and stored in the kitchen because of convenience. For instance, bundles of red pepper and herbs such as sage usually hung on pegs on the walls, always convenient for the cook. Sage was used as seasoning in sausage. While there was no shortage of sassafras, even sassafras roots were hung alongside the pepper and sage. Sassafras roots were used to make tea, generally called "a poor man's tea," by all people in the neighborhood. Sassafras tea was a carryover from the days of the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Sometimes during long winter nights the fire would go out, leaving no coals to restart the fire anew in the morning. When this occurred, "borrowing coals" from a neighbor was the answer, particularly in the absence of expensive matches. While this did not occur often, the "neighbor" in most instances was a close relative.

Furniture in most Fremont rural area homes was "home-made" with the exception of items like mirrors, glass-enclosed cabinets, etc. Rope beds were standard in most of these homes, usually unpainted. Homemade mattresses were stuffed with dried corn shucks uniformly placed. "Bed ticks" filled with goose down (feathers) placed on the mattress allowed the sleeper to literally "sink in" the cushion softness they provided. In the absence of goose down, chicken feathers were sometimes used. One bed tick required the feathers of many geese and chickens. Homemade quilts usually adorned these beds as covers. I have in my possession a multi-colored wool blanket made by my maternal grandmother, Charity Aycock. This blanket was made from wool of the sheep grown there on the Aycock farm at Fremont; the colors came from vegetable matter dyes such as black walnuts- green walnuts made yellow or green dye while ripe brown (black) walnuts gave a brown dye. This blanket was woven on a home loom by my grandmother. Pillows of these rope beds were usually a single, long "bolster" that was long enough to go across the whole bed and these too, like the "bed ticks" were filled with goose down or chicken feathers, and were therefore very soft. To replace a dirty "bolster" pillow case with a clean one required a person to drape the "bolster" over the left shoulder and gently pull the clean cover over it.

Clothing chests were of various sizes and usually made from white oak, wild cherry and poplar. As these chests usually contained many personal articles of the adult owners, most chests were quite large, and usually occupied space at the foot of the bed. Closets were not built in homes like the Charles B. Aycock birthplace.

Spinning and flax wheels were primarily made from choice, well-seasoned white oak, and during winter months these were kept in the kitchen house readily available for use. I have in my possession a restored spinning wheel made entirely of white oak with-out a single piece of metal in it!!! I do not know nor did my mother or grandmother know which Aycock ancestor first owned it. The fact that it is made exclusively of wood means that it is well over 200 years old (1986) as it was made perhaps during Colonial times in Eastern North Carolina by someone who did not have access to metal component parts- being too isolated from out of state markets.

Select ears of corn were set aside to be used as "seed corn" in spring planting. Other select ears were chosen to be periodically taken to a nearby stone wheel corn mill. To shell this corn for milling, the farmer usually shelled one ear with his bare hands, then take the cob from that ear to shell the other ears. This prevented blisters (palm of hand). The miller usually gave his customer an option for a per cent of the meal or a fixed cash fee. Obviously farmers without money chose the meal percentage fee. When corn meal was made in large quantities and stored in wood barrels, a constant check had to be maintained to guard against corn meal weevils or bugs, which spoiled the meal for human consumption.

Every farm had a "corn crib." Sometimes this was a separate building from the main barn. Some of these separate corn cribs were constructed with weatherboards spaced horizontally two inches apart, to give the corn needed "air." The golden ears of corn were very visible from the outside of these buildings. My grandfather had such a building for his corn in which he kept King Snakes to help him keep the rat population down. An army of rats can devastate corn stored this way in a short time.

Fremont area residents had two types of farm animals that consumed dried ears of corn. These animals were hogs, mules and/or horses. Cows were given whole stalks of green corn in late summer as a pasture supplement, especially cows being milked.

(To be continued)

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

					oblong face; identified by wife Martha Barnes. File contained these notes: "This man intends to travel on a boat owned by [Marcus] Garvey. Probably is a member of Garvey U.N.I.A. He is a laborer and wishes to go to a country where there are a million natives with nothing to do. This Division hopes ppt. will be refused." "I would be glad to refuse this man a passport but I do not see how I can do it." "Mrs. Batts, please issue. We have nothing personally against this man. He is a laborer and probably too ignorant to cause any trouble. P. Adams 7-14-21."
Barnes, Lawson T.	7/29/1866	Wilson NC	2/3/1920	Florence SC	Son of William Barnes, b. Wilson County NC; farmer; planned to visit Cuba for sightseeing; 5'8", straight mouth, prominent chin, prominent forehead, light brown or sandy hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, rather large nose, smooth face; identified by M.A. McIntyre, clerk of court; photo attached.
Beaman, Derwood E.	1/21/1894	Stantonsburg NC	9/9/1921	Stantonsburg NC (Xanthia, Greece)	Temporary residence in Xanthia, Greece; son of R.E. Beaman, b. Stantonsburg NC; employed by Gary Tobacco Co.; planned to visit Greece, France, Italy; 6', regular mouth, round chin, high forehead, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, oval face; identified by George W. Warner, Big Stone Gap VA, Standard Oil Company; photo attached.
Bowen, Hilary Thomas	1/22/1896	Pinetown NC	7/1/1920	Wilson NC	Son of Henry A. Bowen, Beaufort NC; student; planned to visit England, France & Belgium for "International Scout Contests", leaving NYC on SS *Pocahontas*; 5'8", large straight mouth, round chin, broad high forehead, brown hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, nose straight & broad at base, round face, scar on back of left hand; identified by Louis Allen Mayo, student; certified by C.B. West to be Scoutmaster of Troop 1 ¾, Wilson NC; photo attached.
Branch, A.	12/21/1897	Wilson NC	8/29/1924	Wilson NC	Son of A.P. Branch, Wilson NC; tobacconist; planned to visit "all countries" leaving NYC on the *Berengaria*; 5'8", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, normal nose, oval face; identified by O.A. Glover, sheriff; photo attached.
Branch, Alpheus	12/21/1897	Wilson NC	4/7/1922	Wilson NC	Son of Alpheus P. Branch, Wilson, NC; tobacconist; planned to visit England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Greece, Constantinople, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, leaving NYC on the *Homeric*; 5'8", medium mouth, normal chin, high forehead, light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, normal nose and face; identified by W. Atlas Finch, lawyer; photo attached.
Branch, Annie H.	1/27/1875	Wilson NC	1/14/1922	Wilson NC	Widow of Alpheus Paul Branch; daughter of William J. Harris, b. VA; planned to visit Spain, France, England, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Monaco, Egypt, Holland, Belgium, Algiers, Constantinople, leaving NYC on *Carmania*; 5', medium mouth and chin, high forehead, light brown hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion, large nose, full face; identified by S.

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NAME	BIRTH DATE	BIRTHPLACE	PASSPORT ISSUED	RESIDENCE	DESCRIPTION/DETAILS
Anderson, Jesse S.	5/20/1895	Wilson NC	2/26/1923	Wilson NC	Son of Dr. W.S. Anderson, b. Eagle Rock, NC; in France, US Army, 1918-1919; employed as gas & oil jobber; planned to visit England, France & Germany; 5'7", regular mouth and chin, regular-medium forehead, brown hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion, Grecian nose, long face, scar on right forearm; identified by C.A. Woodard, physician; photo attached.
Anderson, Lucille Whitehead	10/1/1898	Wilson NC	5/23/1924	Wilson NC	Daughter of W.P. Anderson, b. South Boston VA; occupied with "housekeeping;" planned pleasure trip to England, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands, leaving NYC aboard the *Orca*; 5'7 ½ ", small mouth and chin, medium forehead, red hair, green eyes, ruddy complexion, straight nose, oval face; identified by Virginia W. Orgain, housewife; photo attached; application submitted by US Sen. Furnifold McL. Simmons.
Anderson, William P., Jr.	12/12/1901	Wilson NC	2/26/1923	Wilson NC	Son of W.P. Anderson, b. South Boston VA; employed as tobacconist; planned to visit England, France & Germany; 5'8", regular mouth and chin, medium-high forehead, blond hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, pointed nose, small face; identified by H.G. Whitehead, tobacconist; photo attached.
Anderson, William Puryear	8/8/1869	Halifax County VA	2/12/1919	Wilson NC	Son of T.M. Anderson, b. VA; employed as tobacconist; planned to visit Great Britain, France & Belgium to sell tobacco; 5'11 ½ ", medium mouth, round chin, medium forehead, light thin hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, medium nose, oval face; identified by H.G. Conner, US District Judge; photo attached.
Bardin, Benjamin Hume	3/12/1901	311 Park Ave., Wilson NC	6/19/1924	904 W. Lee St., Wilson NC	Son of Jefferson Davis Bardin, b. Wilson, NC; college student; planned to visit Great Britain (England & Scotland), France, Belgium & Germany, sailing from Montreal; 5'11", normal mouth and chin, high forehead, dark hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, normal nose, normal face; identified by James C. Gann, student, 319 W. 95th St., NYC; photo attached.
Barnes, Geo. M.	3/1/1872	Near Black Creek NC	3/1/1920	Tarboro NC	Son of Columbus Barnes, b. Wilson County NC; locomotive engineer; planned to visit Cuba for pleasure, leaving Key West FL on the *Genl Cobb*; 5'6", medium mouth, full chin, high forehead, light hair, blue eyes, light complexion, full nose, full face; identified by H.L. Leggett, policeman; photo attached. (US Rep. Claud Kitchens wrote letter vouching for age.)
Barnes, John	11/14/1883	Wilson NC	7/15/1921	2700-7th Ave., Apt. 27, New York NY	Accompanied by wife Martha Barnes, b. Wilson NC; son of Allen Barnes; laborer; planned to visit Liberia for temporary residence, leaving NYC on Black Star Line; 5'9", mustache, round chin, high forehead, black hair, dark brown eyes, dark complexion, short nose, Brown Shephard, lawyer, Raleigh NC; photo attached.

HENRY C. AND MARTHA GARDNER BIBLE

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

This Certifies THAT THE RITE OF HOLY MATRIMONY WAS CELEBRATED BETWEEN *Henry C Gardner of the 1st part and Martha J Gardner of the 2nd part on the 22nd of Dec 1870 at the Bride's Father's by Allen Warren Justice of the peace.* Witnesses: *Calven Gardner, D. W. Gardner*

MARRIAGES

Joseph B Gardner Son of Henry and Jane was married March the 27 1895
William H Gardner was Married Oct 17 1898 to Ethel Robbins
Emma J Gardner was married to Joseph W Robbins Feb 15st 1899
George W Gardner was married to Ella Womble Bridgers Nov 1901
Bettie Gardner was married to Joseph J Short Dec 22st 1904
William H Gardner was married to Gertie Winsted March 14st 1906
Albert H Robbins was married to Kattie Taylor Dec. 2. 1922

BIRTHS

Henry C Gardner Son of Brittan and Edney Was borned Oct the 14th 1843
Martha J Gardner Daughter of William and Cintha was borned May the 1st 1847
Louisiana Gardner Daughter of Henry and Jane was borned Sept the17th 1871
Joseph B Gardner Son of Henry and Jane was borned the 1st of June 1874
William H Gardner Son of Henry and Jane was borned April the 13th 1876
George W Gardner Son of Henry and Jane was borned January the 11th 1879
Martha E Gardner Daughter of Henry and Jane was borned Jan the 11th 1879
Emma J Gardner Daughter of Henry and Jane was borned the 17th of Oct 1882

DEATHS

Brittan Gardner Died the 20 of Jan 1851
Edney Gardner his Wife Died Dec the 24 1871
William Gardner Died March the 15st 1884
Cintha Gardner Died Aug the 31 1868
Louisiana Gardner Daughter of Henry and Jane Died Aug the 20th 1879
Lutha Eli Son of Joseph & Emma Robbins Died Feb 11st 1905
Martha Jane Gardner Died Nov 10 1910
Henry C Gardner Died Dec 28 1918
Joseph B Gardner Died July 29 1921

[Inserted in the Bible was a folded ledger size paper with the following information:]

Book of ages of William Gardner's Sr Family

William Gardner Son of George Gardner and Mary his Wife was born the 22nd of January 1773

Nancy Gardner Wife of said William Gardner was borned the 9th day of March 1770

Bridges Gardner Son of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned Nov the 15th 1796

Edwin Gardner Son of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned the 15 of Nov 1798

Lucretia Gardner Daughter of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned 20th of Dec 1799

Simeon Gardner Son of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned the 10th of Dec 1801

Sallie Gardner Daughter of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned the 20th of Jan 1803

Polly Gardner Daughter of William Gardner and his Wife was borned the 19th of March 1806

George Gardner Son of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned the 20th of Oct 1808

William Gardner Son of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned the 20th of Jan 1810

Brittan Gardner Son of William Gardner and Nancy his wife was borned the 8th of August 1814

Evalina Gardner Daughter of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned the 28th of Jan 1818

Albert H Robbins Son of Joseph & Emma Robbins was Born Aug 8st 1901

Lutha E Robbins Son of Joseph & Emma Robbins was born Sept 21st 1904

Floyd T. Robbins Son of Joseph & Emma Robbins was born Nov 24 1909

Vance F. Robbins Son of Joseph & Emma Robbins was born may 26 1912

Joseph W Robbins Son of Joseph & Emma Robbins was born March 23 1916.

Emma Jane Daughter of Joseph & Emma Robbins was Born June 10st 1918

Book of ages of Brittan Gardner's Family

Brittan Gardner Son of William Gardner and Nancy his Wife was borned the 8th of Aug 1814

Edney Gardner Daughter of William Draughorn and Elizabeth his Wife was borned the 19th of May 1815

Jame William Gardner Son of Brittan Gardner and Edney his Wife was borned the 23rd of August 1838

Zillah Gardner Daughter of Brittan Gardner and Edney his Wife was borned the 19th of July 1841

Henry Cleaphus Gardner Son of Brittan Gardner his Wife Edney was borned the 14th of Oct 1843

Sallie Ann Gardner Daughter of Brittan Gardner and Edney Gardner his Wife was borned the 8th of Aug 1847

[Editor's note: Brittian D. Gardner married Edney Drawhorn in Edgecombe County (date not recorded).

Briton Gardner, 32, mechanic, and Ediney, 35, lived in Edgecombe County in 1850. Also living in the household were Angalina Ethridg, 23; J. W. Gardner, 12, male; Henry, 7; Zilla, 9; and Sally, 4. Sources: *Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1760-1868,* abstracted by Frances T. Ingmire; *The 1850 Federal Census, Edgecombe County, North Carolina,* abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.]

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The April meeting was opened by our president, Wanda Taylor, who greeted our speaker and guests. The minutes were approved as printed in *Trees*. Sue Powell gave the Treasurer's report and an updated report on *Founding Families*. The corrections are more than half completed. She asked for help with Publisher format questions. Any volunteers?

Wanda Taylor gave a reminder about submitting pictures for next year's calendar with the deadline of June 30th. She expressed thanks to those who have already contributed pictures.

Sue gave a brief report on the O'Neal Bible, which we are still trying to place. We have not located a direct descendant but do have a connected family with which it will be placed in the event a descendant is not found.

Work is being done on the remainder of this year's programs, and suggestions will be welcome and can be made to any board member.

There were a few announcements of forth coming events after which our guest speaker for the evening was introduced.

Dr. Douglas N. Rader gave a most inspirational presentation on ***The Story of an Early Quaker Meeting House in Wayne County, North Carolina.***

Quoting his introduction: "Relatively little is known from North Carolina's colonial period of its many now long-disappeared early churches, and the cemeteries that typically accompanied them. One enduring mystery is the exact location of the Contentnea Meeting House, of the Contentnea Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends, known as Quakers.

"This article solves that mystery, and presents the story of Contentnea Meeting House as derived from archived land and estate records, extant maps, and records kept by the Quaker church, as well as preliminary archaeological reconnaissance.

"By 1740 Quaker families reached the area known as 'Quaker Neck' on the Neuse River, and by 1748, the population had accumulated and approved the establishment of a Monthly Meeting at Falling Creek.

The 1770s show westward migration pushing the Quakers into the interior with new arrivals from the Rich Square Meeting in Northampton County, and the 'soon-to-be northern Wayne County' grew rapidly with families that would figure for many years in the region's Quaker history.

"Approximation of the date ranges for the early meeting houses can be derived from the marriage records curated at the Friends' Historical Collection at Guilford College. Marriages at Contentnea itself range from 1773 to 1850. The exact locations for the early meeting houses in Contentnea Monthly Meeting remain to be investigated fully." Land for the Bear Swamp Meeting House was deeded in 1801 and is recorded in the Wayne County Deed Book 7. The locations of the meeting around Nahunta at the turn of the nineteenth century remain a mystery, but very probably were in a private house. "One of the meeting houses at Nahunta remains today at Pike's Crossroads."

Dr. Rader continued to show the pattern of Quaker growth and movement stating that "Quakers maintained ownership of the surrounding land as long as the local Quaker community was strong. As that strength slowly eroded in response to large-scale social and economic forces, that ownership waned."

Using aerial photographs, references to land grants, migration patterns, and the mapping of deed history, Dr. Rader gave us this conclusion:

"All lines of evidence support the determination that the Contentnea Meeting House and cemetery stood on the eastern edge of the current Black Creek Road, several hundred yards north of the current bridge over Aycock Swamp. The cemetery has disappeared over the years, with the last reference in deeds in 1877. (A turn-of-the-century allusion may or may not refer to that cemetery.) No maps made after the Civil War show either the cemetery or the meeting house. The meeting house itself has also disappeared, either to the ravages of time, or into the framing of an extant house nearby." Contentnea Meeting House served as the heart of the nearby community prior to and during the Revoluntionary War-an important irony, given the beliefs of its people. The image of Lord Cornwallis' army marching past in 1781 leaves us all to ponder the nature of those tempestuous times. The Meeting House endured until it was laid down and sold on the eve of the next shaping war, the Civil War, by which time Quaker populations had shifted dramatically south of Nahunta Swamp, west into the Piedmont, and out of North Carolina completely.

"Abundant evidence remains in the soil of Native Americans-of many cultures, origins and religious persuasions, who called Nahunta Swamp home."

Dr. Rader makes his presentation with a lot of heart and certainly holds our interest the entire time. We are grateful for the advantage of his research on a subject so important to us in this locality.

There were many questions awaiting him until time for adjournment.

Frances Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Winstead Family Reunion, Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29, 2008. Saturday—Genealogy Session, 8 am to 3 pm, Winstead Methodist Church, 1407 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C. Sunday—Reunion Dinner and Meeting, 12:30 pm, Bill's Barbecue, 3007 Downing St., Wilson, N. C. For more information or to register, contact Pauline D. France, PO Box 670, Spring Hope, NC 27822-0670.
- The National Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Conference in Raleigh, N. C., during May 13-16, 2009. Their conference is four days filled with nearly 200 presentations on subjects related to genealogical research. Make your plans to spend the week in Raleigh adding time to research at Olivia Rainey Library (home of Wake County's genealogy collection) on Monday and in State Archives on Tuesday (closed on Monday). A genealogist's dream vacation!

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President's Message

Where do we all live? Members with Wilson County roots are represented in twenty-eight states, from North Carolina to Hawaii. There are so many people living across the United States that are all connected to Wilson! A few months ago, Sue mapped the membership. We thought you would like to see where we all live and work on our genealogy. You can see we have the four corners of the US covered. North Carolina has the most members with fifty-five living in Wilson and nearby, still in Wilson County—Black Creek, Elm City, Lucama, Sims and Stantonsburg with thirteen members. From nearby counties, we have fourteen members. One of our members is in beautiful Hawaii; I would like to visit that state someday.

Not only does this newsletter keep us connected, but also the Yahoo group does. Lately a lot of you have been discussing the WCGS April 1998 Colonial Roads Tour. There have been many other discussions on the group, sharing family trees and wills. If you are not a member of the Yahoo Group, check it out. You can post at WilsonNC@yahoogroups.com

Summer is here; we are having a heat wave in North Carolina, a perfect time to stay indoors to work on genealogy. The next newsletter will be in August. Have a great summer and have a Happy Independence Day!

Wanda Lamm Taylor

ANNUAL SOCIAL, JUNE 24TH

Spring Arbor Sunroom
2045 Ward Blvd., 6:30 pm

Please join us for our annual social on June 24th in the sunroom at Spring Arbor. Use the entrance at the left end of the building. The parking areas extend on around the building.

We will gather at 6:30 pm for an enjoyable evening of good food, lots of fun and companionship.

Please plant to attend bringing with you a covered dish, a friend or spouse (if you would like), and one or more door prizes, which may be useful, fun, or genealogical in nature.

We always have a good time. Don't miss it!

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*"

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here two of his recipes and will continue to publish them in future issues of *Trees*.

An Indian Remedy For Seated Pains

To make one gallon, take 3 or 4 bunches of devil slive [?] string root top and all, one toteable large root of redshank and a single handful of short pieces of chincapin root let the pieces be about 5 or 6 inches long and as much or more of small limbs of hehucklebery bushes and a small piece cut out of a round solid lightwood knot put them in a pot with a sufficient quantity of water to make one gallon, when well boiled, after it cools put it in a jug and add three half pints or a quart of good whiskey then shake it well. Directions, give three table spoonfuls at a dose and rub with 2. rub where the pain is, commencing above the pain and rub down ',till you rub of the 2 spoonfuls, and take this dose 3 times a day until you get well, live on a light diet while using this medicine eat no molasses nor no hog meat and no water, drink holly tea in stead of water

Reheumatism

Drink composition freely and rub three times a day with number six, mixed with venegar put about as much venegar as number six warm it by the fire, rub thoroughly keep hot bricks to the feet and knees and back, drink 3 or 4 large brandy or good whiskey toddies aday keep out of bad weather and cold.

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WILLIAM W. BATTS BIBLE

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

[Editor's note: This Bible was printed in 1851 and given by W. W. Batts to his wife Margaret P. Woodard as a wedding gift on Dec. 6, 1853. The later part of this statement was written at the bottom of the "marriages" page. The records continued over several pages and have been combined under the three headings. Entries made in a different handwriting have been inserted in several of the records. Those that seem to add to the original record have been included with in [ ]'s. The entry of Marietta in the marriage of Icha and Etta came from the abstracts of *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* abstracted by J. Robert Boykin.]

MARRIAGES.

William W Batts and Margaret P Woodard was married the 6th day of December in the year of our Lord 1853
William H Edwards and Mary Jane Woodard was married the 25 day of February 1858
William M. Thorn and Margaret P. Batts was married the 8 day of May 1870
Woodard B Thorn and Sally Batts was married 20 of January 1876 [Cousin Patties ma Sarah]
James W Batts & Beedy Woodard was married the 1 day of Feb 1876
Eli Robbins and Pattie Batts was married 29 of December 1880
Icha Thorne and Etta [Marietta] Green was married Nov. 21, 1895
Willie Green and Angie Thorne was married feb. 26, 1890 [Nash Co. was written above his name.]
John R. B. Wiggins and Mary B. Thorn was married Dec. 5 1907 [Bahma]
Robert C Coleman and Linda Wiggins was married 16 Nov 1924
John T. Wiggins and Nora Taylor was married July 12, 1925
Alice Wiggins and Clarence Taylor was married Nov. 4, 1925
Margaret Wiggins and Frank Robbins was married Jan 24, 1938
Robert C. Coleman and Lula Wiggins married Nov. 16 1924

BIRTHS.

William W Batts son of William Batts and Patsey Batts his wife was Bourn the 18 day of September in the year of our lord one thousan Eight Hundred & twenty Seven
Margarit P Woodard daughter of James B Woodard and Sally his wife was Bornd the 12 day of Febuary in the Year of our lord one Thousan Eight Hundred & thirty five
James William Son of William W Batts & Margarit P his wife was Bornd the 16 day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousan Eight Hundred & fifty four
Sarah Peal Daughter of W W Batts Margarit P Batts was bornd the 17 day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousan Eight hundred & fifty six [Sally-Sis Puss was written above her name.]
Martha Ann Daughter of W W Batts & Margaret P Batts was bornd the 27st day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousan Eight Hundred & fifty Eight [Sissie Pattie Poss.]
Wilson Woodard Batts son of William W Batts & Margret P. his wife was bornd the 9 day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousan Eight Hundred & si [1860]
Margaret Elizabeth daughter of W. W. Batts and Margaret his

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(William W. Batts Bible continued from page 62)

wife was borned the 8 day of February 1866 [Betsy Varnell]

John [Tuly] Julius son of William M. Thorn and Margaret his wife was borned February the 11 1871

Ichabod Redmon son of W M Thorn and Margaret his wife was borned May the 2 day 1872.

Angie Cora daughter of W. M. Thorn & Margaret his wife was borned January the 30 1874

Margaret Batts [Battie] daughter of Woodard B Thorn was borned the 9 day of December 1876

Mary Barnes daughter of William M Thorn Margret his wife borned December the 28 day 1876

Martha Iysa Dora daughter of Woodard B. Thorn and Sallie P Thorn was bornd the 3 day of January 1879

Mary E dauhter W B Thorn and Sallie his wife was borned the 8 of July 1880

Leution Turner Son of W M Thorn [& Margaret W. Thorn] was borned 25 day of June 1878

Mary Gray daugter of James W Batts and Sarah his wife was borned Dec. 24. 1876 [Mary Wiggins, Cousin Mary, Pig]

William C Thorn Son of Icha R Thorne and Etta his wife was borned Apr the 7 1898

Minnie Esther Thorn Daughter of Ichabod Redmond Thorn and Etta his wife was born Nov. 3. 1901

Thurman Thorne son of Icha and Etta was borne Sep. 8. 1909

Roosevelt Doane son of Icha and Etta was borne Sep. 24.1912

John T [Turner] Wiggins Son of John and Bama [Bahma] Wiggins was borne Nov. 14. 1902.

Margaret V [Violet] Wiggins Daughter of John and Mary B. Wiggins was borne Aug. 19. 1904

Martha Lula Wiggins daughter of John and Bahma Wiggins was borne Apr. 25. 1906

Mary Alice Robert Wiggins was borne June 3, 1908

Mary Ella Moore Born May 22, 1897 Daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth Wiggins Moore.

Roy Albert Moore Born Oct 2 1898 Son of John D Moore and Mary Elizabeth [Betsy] Wiggins Moore

Margaret Rebekah Robbins born February 16, 1934, Wilson, North Carolina

Lois Jean Wiggins was born March 31, 1938, Elm City, N. C.

John William Wiggins, February 5, 1933, Elm City, N. C.

Mary Lula Coleman Born January 16, 1921

Margaret Willie Coleman born August 27, 1927

Sadie Yvonne Coleman born June 19, 1930

Katie Wiggins Coleman born August 10, 1933

Robert Franklin Coleman born May 30, 1937

Emily Bahma Coleman born November 16, 1939

Linda Joan Coleman born February 21, 1943

Alice Marie Wiggins born February 6, 1931

Mable Leigh Wiggins born Jan 26th 1928

DEATHS.

William Batts Sr Decasd the 18 day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty six

W. W. Batts Died the 20th day of August in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundderd and sixty nine [Wilson Woodard, Sissie Robbins' father, Margaret Thornes 1st husband]

Sallie P Thorn wife of W. B Thorn Died Dec 1th 1898

Alice Taylor Died Oct. 28 1928 [Alice Wiggins, Sunday about 4 p. m.]

Martha Isadora daughter W B Thorn and Sallie his wife died the 13 of September 1880

Zilpha Brittanna daughter of W B Thorne and Sallie his wife died Friday 5 of July 1889

W M Thorne died Sunday Sept 29 1889

Angie C [Thorne] Green wife of J W Green died Apr the 4 1891

Infant son of J W Green and Angie his wife was borne and died April 9, 1891

Harriet Woodard daughter of James Bullock Woodard and first wife Nancy Daniel died 1 year, 1 mo 15 days old

Mary Alice Wiggins Taylor Died 28 of Oct. 1928

Wilson Woodard Batts Died 25 of July 1931

Martha Ann Robbins Died Aug. 10 1935

[Editor's note: W. W. Batts, age 31, farmer; and Margaret P., age 22; lived in Joyners and Gardners District of Wilson County in 1860. Their children James W., age 5; Sallie P., age 3; and Martha A., age 1; were also in the household.

In 1870, William Thorn, age 27, farmer; and Margaret, age 35; married in May, lived in Joyners Township of Wilson County. Her children James, age 15, farm laborer; Sallie, age 13; Martha, age 12; Wilson, age 10; and Margaret, age 4; lived with them.

In 1880, William M. Thorne, age 37, farmer; and Margaret P., his wife, age 45; lived in Toisnot Township. Their children John J., age 9; I. Redmond, age 8; Angie C., age 5; Mary B., age 3; and Lucien T., age 1; and Margaret's Batts children Martha, age 21; Wilson W., age 19; and Margaret, age 14; lived with them.

Woodard Thorne, age 3, lived in the Edgecombe County household of James R. Thorne, age 33; and Martha, age 26; in 1850. Also living in the household were Fany A. E., age 9; W. M., age 7; J. D. S., age 5; D. E., age 1; and J. G., age 1 month.

In 1860, their Joyners and Gardners household was headed by Martha, age 35, farmer. Fannie A., age 19; William M., age 17; John, age 15; Edwin, age 11; Woodard, age 13; Martha A., age 8; James R., age 6; Robt., age 4; and Sallie, age 3; lived with her.

In 1870, Patsey Thorne was still head of the household, and Woodard, age 23, farmer; was the oldest of the six children still living with her.

In 1880, Woodard B. Batts, age 33, farmer; wife Sallie, age 28; and daughters Margaret B., age 3; and Marthey, age 1; lived in Gardners Township.

Eli Robbins, born Jan. 1849, farmer; and his wife of 19 years, Martha A., born June 1858; lived in Gardners Township in 1900. Their children Lee E., born June 1883; James F., born Nov. 1884; Amos J., born Aug. 1886; Archibald W., born Jun 1890; William T., born June 1894; Geo. S., born Jan. 1896; and Mary B., born Jul 1898; lived with them.

Sources: Bradley's Edgecombe 1850 and Howell's and Boykin's Wilson County census abstracts.]

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

Bryley Lane	7	John Davis	1832	spinster			
Henderson Gandy [Ganzy]	5	William Sauls	1832	spinster	Tansey Gandy		60 Lenoir
Theo King	5	Mark Smith	1833	farmer			50 Wayne
John Green	7	Lewis Howell	1833	farmer			
Ben Reed	2	Nathan Davis	1833	farmer	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Benja Ann Hall	50/60 Wayne
Sherard Hagans	16	Exum Pike	1833	farmer	Druzilla Hagans	Nancy Hall	50/60 Wayne
Needham Hagans	6	Exum Pike	1833	farmer	Druzilla Hagans		
Calvin Hagans	10	Council Bryan	1833	farmer			50 Wayne
William Hagans	16	Council Bryan	1833	farmer			
Stephen Mitchell	8	Bunyon Barnes	1833	farmer			
Warren Mitchell	7	Bunyon Barnes	1833	farmer			50 Johnston
Mary Reed	2	Bunyon Barnes	1833	spinster			
Larkin Hagans	---	David Bardin	1833	---			
Hannah Locus	5	Tobias Musgrave	1833	spinster		James Pulley?	Nash?
Daniel Locus[3]	5	Tobias Musgrave	1833	farmer		Eliza Ann Goins?	
Melvina Artis	3	Counsel Bryan	1833	---			
Mensina Artis	---	Counsel Bryan	1833	---			
Henry Seaberry	18	John Alford	1833	---			
William Artis	7	Stephen Woodard	1833	farmer			
Washington Reed	14	Nathan Davis	1833	farmer	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Penninah _____	50/60/70/80 Wayne
Raleigh Seaberry	9	Henry Best	1834	farmer		Emiline Manuel	50/70/80 Cumberland, 60 Harnett
Quilla Carroll	15	W. McKinne	1834	spinster			50 Wayne
James Carroll	4	James Patrick	1834	farmer			
Lotty Carroll	8	James Patrick	1834	spinster			
Micajah Carroll	10	James Patrick	1834	farmer			
Haywood Hagans	14	Patrick S. Cromwell	1834	farmer			
Rufus Lane	---	John Alford	1834	farmer			50 Wayne
Betsey Burnett	13	Sam'l A. Andrews	1834	spinster			50/70/80 Wayne
Dolly Burnett	11	Sam'l A. Andrews	1834	spinster	Elizabeth Burnett	Solomon Hall	50/60/70/80 Wayne
William Hagans	15	John Davis	1834	farmer			
Eliza Hill	2	Henry Taylor	1835	farmer			
Edith Burnett	8	Gaston Britt	1835	farmer			60 Wayne

[3] Possibly Daniel Locus, Co. G, 2 Regt., US Colored Calvary, entered at Fort Monroe VA.

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

John Green	---	James McKinnie	1835	farmer			
Dred [Etheldred] Carroll	6	Sim Langston	1835	farmer	Easter/Esther Carroll	Susan Artis[4]	50 Wayne, 60/70 Wilson
Sucky [Susan] Carroll	8	Sim Langston	1835	farmer	Easter/Esther Carroll		50 Wayne
Rufus Lane	8	Curtis Daniel	1835	farmer			
Darcus Hall	16	Thomas Wooten	1835	farmer			
Betsey Green	6	James W. Gaugh	1835	spinster			
Haywood Hagans	15	Zack Davis	1835	farmer			
Anna Goins	---	Exum Pike	1835	---			
Mancy Seaberry	4	Rob Williams	1835	---	Nicey Seaberry?		50/60 Wayne, 00 Craven
Calvin Artis	15	Erastus Ham	1836	---			
Rufus Lane	9	Joel Lane	1836	---			50 Wayne
Bryan	---	John Barfield	1836	---			
Lucy	---	John Barfield	1836	---			
Sip Read	---	Sherard Barden	1837	---			
Washington Reed	18	Burket Barnes	1837	farmer	Rhoda Reed, FPC, and David Reed, slave	Penninah _____	50/60/70/80 Wayne
Rufus Lane	7	John Exum	1837	farmer			50 Wayne
Sint Hagans	16	Exum Pike	1837	spinster			
Hilory Hagans	20	Exum Pike	1837	farmer	Druzilla Hagans?	Victory _____, Mary _____	50 Wayne
Betsey Hagans	18	Exum Pike	1837	spinster			
Winnie Hall	4	Starling Daniel	1837	spinster	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Lawrence Reid	60/70/80 Wayne
Benja Ann Hall	2	Starling Daniel	1837	spinster	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Benjamin Reid	60 Wayne
Sam Hall	5	Starling Daniel	1837	farmer	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Eliza ____, Lucresy Smith	50 Wayne
Mozana Hall	6	Starling Daniel	1837	spinster	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	John Reid	50/60/70 Wayne
John Hays	16	Ephraim Grant	1837	farmer			
Dorcas Hall	18	Martin Sauls	1837	spinster			
Churchill Herring	13	William Wilkins	1837	gig or wagon maker	(alias Burnett) Mary Burnett		50 Wayne
Charles Herring	9	William Wilkins	1837	mechan	(alias Burnett) Mary		50 Wayne

[4] Married in Wilson County NC.

AYCOCK FAMILY HISTORY (Part 2)

"Fremont, North Carolina Social History, 1859-1918 and Aycock Family History"

Written by Selby A. Daniels
Contributed by Barbara M. Ferrell

[Editor's note: The first part of the Aycock family story was included in the May 2008 issue of *Trees of Wilson,* and future issues will include additional segments.]

Everything on the farm had to pay its own way, even pets like cats and dogs. Dogs were usually of the hound variety used in hunting rabbits, foxes, raccoons and opossums. Many of these hounds were forced to feed themselves by hunting rabbits and other game, as their owners rarely had left-over table scraps to give them. Cats were expected to be good mousers, and were sometimes shut up in corn cribs, becoming semi-wild. A cat really loved by the farmer and his family was sometimes given excess cow milk as a supplement.

Farm fowl such as flocks of geese, turkeys, guineas and chickens were kept. Geese were expected to help keep the fields clean of despised grass, as well as to supply eggs and down. Guineas were considered a "sport fowl," as their nests were always in the fields of woods well hidden, and it became sport to find the nest before the guinea hen sat on the eggs to hatch them. The only single clue to find these hidden guinea nests was to listen for the guinea hen to cackle after laying an egg. The guinea egg was prized because of its rich orange yolk to be used in cakes, cookies, etc. All fowl were self-supporting. There were two varieties of chickens- solid red, Rhode Island red and iron-gray "dominica" during Reconstruction years. An easy method to catch the desired fryer rooster was to coax the chicken flock with corn to a pen with a trap door.

The growing of cotton was central to Fremont area farmers as a money crop. It was a crop that required work from every member of the family regardless of age or sex. While plowing was done by the men, "chopping" and later picking cotton was done by the women. Nearly all farmers insisted on their cotton to be picked "clean." To leave scattered, unpicked bolls of cotton was considered not only wasteful, but slovenly as well.

Francis Marion ("Frank") Aycock, the eldest brother of Gov. Charles B. Aycock, operated a business in Fremont after the Civil War under the business name of F. M. Aycock & Bros. He is the person who introduced the growing of tobacco to Fremont area farmers and built the first tobacco curing barn around 1880. He brought in experienced Granville County, N. C. tobacco growers to teach local Fremont area farmers the rudiments of growing tobacco. The first farmer in our immediate neighborhood to grow tobacco was another cousin, Jacob Aycock whose farm joined ours and was located just inside the Wayne County line at Aycock's church. My mother's oldest brother, Calvin B. Aycock, told me he and my grandfather were invited over to Jacob Aycock's to witness the harvest of his first tobacco crop. It was here that white oak woven "right-up" baskets were used to put the green leaves in.

Eventually tobacco would surpass cotton in importance as a money crop, and, in due course of time cotton was phased out completely as a cash crop.

Next to corn and cotton in importance as crops were field peas and sugar cane. Every farm had a large garden, but field peas and sugar cane required larger patches- a minimum of one-half to one acre plots of each. Field peas were harvested during the growing season and after the peas had dried in the field. Leaves of the sugar cane had to be stripped off the stalk before being cut off at ground level and taken to a sugar cane or molasses "cooker" in our neighborhood. Some people called molasses "sorghum" or "black strap" molasses. During the Civil War and Reconstruction, molasses and honey were used in place of sugar. One of my childhood food delights was to dip a ball of popcorn in a bowl of molasses- and early form of Cracker Jacks! Sometimes molasses turned to brown sugar, and this too was a tasty delight by itself or used in canned peaches and apples.

The sugar cane mill operated by my grandfather Gary Frank Aycock was located deep in the woods across the road from the homeplace. It was the standard sugar cane mill used in the area that required a mule to walk around a circle which ground the clear liquid juice from the stalks placed between two moving rollers into a pan or vat. Under this vat was a brick furnace where a hot fire blazed to cook the juice into molasses. There is distinctly an art in cooking molasses to exactly the right color and taste.

Some other special services performed by my grandfather Gary Frank Aycock both for his family and his neighbors were pulling teeth with so-called "pullekins;" tanning cow hides for shoes and other uses; and making candles from cow tallow and bee's wax in special six candle molds. Before "coal oil" or kerosene came into general use after the turn of this century, candle lanterns were used. Just about every home had bee hives. It is indeed fascinating to watch an experienced "honey man" fearlessly approach the hive and remove the honeycombed sections with swarms of angry bees flying around, many actually alighting on his face and head. As a boy I watched my mother's oldest brother, Calvin B. Aycock, do this many times. He said his father taught him. One summer chore performed by my grandmother and mother was peeling and slicing apples, then spreading them over a clean cloth usually placed on a low roof out of reach of children, pets, chickens and other fowl. When fully dried after a few days in the hot summer sun, they are then packed into a container. My mother would roll flour dough into a half-moon shape, place dried apples inside and bake until fully cooked. This tasty delight was called "apple jack."

Nearly every farm had a small sweet potato patch. When harvested in the fall just before the first frost, sweet potatoes were stored in the following manner:

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A circular area is first marked off approximately three feet in diameter. A thick layer of new crop pine needles are placed on the circled area. Potatoes are then placed on top of the layer of pine needles until a pyramid shape evolves, then a thick layer of pine straw is placed on the pyramid of potatoes. Next, a layer of dirt about four inches thick completes the job by covering the pine needles, except for the very top of the pyramid which is covered over with a heavy four-cornered oil cloth with metal weights tied to each corner to keep it from being blown off by high winds. This cover allowed easy access to the potatoes. I have seen potatoes kept in this manner an entire winter without rotting. These were called "potato hills."

Although homemade, candles were considered a luxury, to be used "whenever company came" and other special occasions. As pine was in such great abundance, boys were sent scouring the woods for fallen, rotted pines for the many pine knots each of these trees provided. A burning pine knot discharged a brilliant glow of light until burned out. Children privileged to attend school studied in the glow of these pine knot lights, and received warm heat on their faces at the same time. I myself have read many hours by firelight.

From 1836 when Atlantic Coast Line Railroad was first built, until around 1900, the Fremont area evolved from turpentine stills (naval stores of tar and pitch also) to numerous lumber mills. A "box face" the height of a man was cut under the bark of a large pine tree in order to drain off the sap for turpentine. After the sap was bled off, the tree died in most instances, but in the process the "box face" portion turned to fat pine, making that portion of the tree ideal for fence posts, scuppernong vine supports, etc. Fat pine is termite-proof and lasts forever.

Pine stumps yielded fat pine. Splitting up these stumps into small pieces of "kindling" made perfect fire starters.

Every growing farm family had a clear "new ground" in order to have enough crop land to support the family. This very laborious manual labor chore was usually done by the father and all children. In other words any child old enough to drag a tree limb or a tree root helped. The father performed the hardest work of digging up the stump and "grubbing" the new ground with a grubbing hoe. Winter days were best suited for this work. Children dragged the limbs and roots, made a pile and then burned them.

Winter was also a time to spread horse, sheep and cow manure over the nutrient-depleted fields. For many years before the introduction of commercial fertilizers, manure was the only soil builder used. State geologists finally came to the rescue of eastern or coastal North Carolina farmer by recommending "marl holes" be dug in the marshy swamps so abundant in the area and to spread this rich, almost solid black soil over poor soil fields. The altitude of Fremont is 152 feet above sea level. At one time in the geologic history of North Carolina, the entire coastal area was under water. Therefore, highly decomposed sea shells and other ancient marine fossils are usually found at shallow depths in these "marl holes." There were three such holes on our farm at Fremont, and I was told my grandfather Gary Frank Aycock dug them. Eventually they filled with leaves and water and became fishing holes.

Children are required to participate in almost every job performed on a farm at Fremont. Making box lye soap was such a job, under the direction of the mother. A "growing" moon period was chosen because it was tradition that if the "shrinking" moon period was chosen, the soap would shrink to almost nothing. Measured amounts of pork grease, oak ashes and Red Devil Lye were all mixed together in a big wash pot and had to be constantly stirred. At the same time a hot fire had to be maintained under the pot. When thus cooked, the soap was allowed to coagulate. The next day the mother of the house would carve large pieces of this box lye soap and remove them from the pot. Keeping up the fire and stirring the soap was usually my job.

Shingle making was another chore that required expertise and patience. A froe (looked like a drawing knife with "handle turned away") and a wood mallet were the only tools needed for this task. The mallet was always home made, usually by the owner, and was made from the lower part of a dogwood tree trunk and stump; the handle thus made from the trunk and the mallet head from the stump. Dogwood was considered the toughest of hardwoods and the average user was not likely to ever have to replace a dogwood mallet with a new one.

A larger mallet or "mull" used to drive iron and wood wedges in splitting rails or posts were also made in the same manner as the mallet, and from the same tough dogwood. As a youth there on the farm at Fremont, I not only used these dogwood malls- I ended up learning to make them.

Cutting firewood and logs was another task that all farmers performed as being absolutely necessary to exist on a farm. This job always required a minimum of two people-one on each end of a cross-cut saw, a rather slow and laborious job at that. Each "sawyer" had to work in total harmony with the other; in other-words, each had to maintain his share of pulling and pushing until the job was finished. I had my share of this hard work as a youth. I recall once when my father sent me to the woods with a man named Willie Parrish who was a hired hand and about thirty-five years my senior. Willie noticed my heavy breathing as we were both then pulling on the saw and said, "Selby, when you get your second wind it will be like suckin' honey through a rag." I really didn't know what he meant then as I did not considered myself as getting my "first wind," let alone second wind.

Speaking of rags, to rural Fremont area people a cloth was a rag. We had dish rags, wash rags and we even sometimes called our clothes rags.

(To be continued)

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Bridgers, Furman Anderson	1/27/1905	Wilson NC	5/27/1924	Wilson NC	Son of F.N. Bridgers, b. Wake County, NC; student, Trinity College, Durham NC; planned to visit France, Great Britain, Switzerland, Holland, Monaco, Belgium, leaving NYC on SS *Leviathan*; 6', small mouth, round chin, medium forehead, medium brown hair, brown eyes, rather dark complexion, pointed nose, oval face, wears glasses; identified by Whiteford S. Blakeney, Jr., Monroe NC, student; photo attached.
Briggs, Clifton Arthur	3/9/1874	Wilson NC	5/19/1921	Durham NC (Tampico, Mexico)	Permanent residence in Durham NC, temporary residence in Tampico, Mexico; accountant for Transcontinental Petroleum Co.; planned to visit Mexico, Venezuela & Colombia for employment; 5'7 ½", small mouth, round chin, medium forehead, blond hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, medium nose, full face; identified by E.J. Cutler; photo attached.
Bruton, Almina	4/15/1897	Wilson NC	9/1/1921	Wilson NC	Daughter of Howard Barnes Burton, b. Wilson, NC; planned to visit France, Italy, Holland, England, Switzerland, Spain, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, Norway & Sweden; 5'5", straight mouth, round chin, medium forehead, dark brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, regular nose, oval face; identified by aunt Elizabeth W. Smith, Goldsboro NC; photo attached.
Bruton, Sarah Ella	10/2/1859	Raleigh NC	5/26/1895	Wilson NC (28 W. Lexington St., Balto., MD)	Unmarried; permanent resident of Wilson NC, temporary resident of Baltimore MD; art teacher; 5'2", small mouth, round chin, brown hair mixed with gray; gray-hazel eyes, medium forehead, light complexion, prominent nose, oval face; identified by Ida F.P. Wakes, 1712 Hollins St., Baltimore; no photo.
Caldwell, Jesse Cobb	1/15/1873	Liberty MO	1/8/1912	Wilson NC	President of A.C. College; 5'6 ½"; well-made mouth, prominent chin, medium forehead, black hair, dark brown eyes, fair complexion, regular nose; identified by W.E. Warren; no photo.
Carter, William M.	4/30/1864	Halifax County VA	3/14/1922	Wilson NC	Son of Martin S. Carter, b. Halifax County, VA; in leaf tobacco business; previously traveled to Europe in 1902-03; planned to visit France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Holland and Spain to deal leaf tobacco for Whitehead & Anderson, leaving NYC on the *Battie*; 5'10", medium large mouth, round chin, high forehead, dark slightly gray hair, gray eyes, florid complexion, large straight nose, oval face; identified by Henry G. Connor, US District Judge; photo attached.
Clark, Mary Howard	11/28/1867	Tarboro NC	5/6/1924	Wilson NC	Wife of W.T. Clark, b. VA; housewife; planned to visit England, Norway, France, Denmark, Belgium, & Holland, leaving NYC on the *Majestic*, to travel with husband, who is on tobacco business; 5'4", small mouth, average chin, medium forehead, gray hair, bluish-gray eyes, fair complexion, medium nose, oval face; identified by A.N. Daniel, bookkeeper; photo attached.

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Clark, W.J.	12/4/1867	Pittsylvania County VA	4/23/1919	Wilson NC	Son of W.T. Clark, b. VA; tobacconist; planned to visit England, France, Belgium, & Holland on tobacco business; 6', medium mouth, normal chin, high forehead, gray hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, slightly prominent nose, round face; identified by F.W. Hancock, Chief, Inc. Tax Div., Raleigh NC; photo attached.
Clark, William J.	12/4/1867	Pittsylvania County VA	4/16/1923	Wilson NC	Son of W.T. Clark, b. VA; tobacconist; planned to visit England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany & Denmark on tobacco business; 6', medium mouth, normal chin, high forehead, gray hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, large nose, round face; identified by W.S.O'B. Robinson, Ex-Judge, Superior Court, Goldsboro NC; photo attached.
Cobb, Dorothy	6/14/1882	Wilson NC	3/27/1920	6 Mercer Apt., Norfolk VA	Wife of Charles C. Cobb; housewife; planned to visit Cuba for recreation; 5'6 ½", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, brown hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, oval face; identified by Otto H. Albemains Jr.; photo attached.
Copeland, Virginia B.	9/23/1893	Wilson NC	9/1/1921	Kinston NC	Daughter of R.E. Copeland, b. NC; planned to visit Norway, Sweden, France, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, Holland, Belgium, leaving NYC on the *Olympic*; 5'4", small mouth, round chin, medium forehead, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, regular nose, oval face; identified by aunt Elizabeth W. Smith; photo attached.
Connor, Robert D.W.	9/26/1878	Wilson NC	6/7/1922	Chapel Hill NC	Son of Henry G. Connor, b. Wilmington NC; teacher; planned to visit England to study, leaving NYC on SS *Lapland*; 5'11", medium mouth, small chin, normal forehead, black hair, dark eyes, brunette complexion, normal nose, oval face; identified by J.G. DeRoulhac Hamilton, teacher, Chapel Hill NC; photo attached.
Cotten, Bruce	3/3/1873	Wilson NC	6/20/1913	Cylburn MD	Application for self and wife Edyth Johns Cotten; in general business; 6', firm mouth, round chin, high forehead, hair dark with a little gray, light blue eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, round face; identified by James C. Brogden, Chamber of Commerce; photo attached.
Cox, Clyde	10/3/1879	Coxville, Pitt County NC	4/12/1924	109 Park Ave., Wilson NC	Unmarried; daughter of Guilford W. Cox, b. Pitt County, NC; private secretary; planned to visit England, Scotland, France, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, & Netherlands, leaving NYC on steamer *Orca*; 5' ¾", large mouth, medium chin, broad forehead, grey hair, grey eyes, medium, broad & medium nose, oval face; identified by B.F. Cagle, farmer; photo attached.
Cox, Eulalie	12/16/1872	Coxville, Pitt County NC	4/12/1924	Wilson NC	Unmarried; daughter of Guilford W. Cox, b. Pitt County, NC; teacher; planned to visit England, Scotland, France, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, & Netherlands, leaving NYC on steamer *Orca*; no personal description; photo attached.

ELIJAH HORN
Hugh B. Johnston Files

Elijah Horn, son of Joel Horn and wife Ann, was an adult in Edgecombe County by October 28, 1782, when Governor Alexander Martin granted him 500 acres adjoining himself, Abishai Horn, Samuel Deloach, Benjamin Brake, and Daniel Ross (D. B. E, p. 371, No. 157); also, 600 acres adjoining Etheldred Gray, Jesse Deloach, Cold Pocoson and Sherwood Haywood. (D. B. E, p. 375, No. 146) On October 28, 1782, Elisha Horn (Elijah Horn) was granted by Governor Alexander Martin 600 acres in Edgecombe County adjoining Etheldred Gray, Abishai Horn, Jesse Deloach, Cold Pocoson, and Sherwood Haywood. (Patent Book 41, p. 307)

On January 1, 1784, John Deloach deeded him for £40 in specie money 136 acres North of Tyancokey Swamp, witnessed by William (X) Bond and Lamon Ruffin. (D. B. 4, p. 140) On January 26, 1787, Elijah (H) Horn of Edgecombe County sold William Anderson, Sr., for £106/13/4 current N. C. money 136 acres south of Tar River (a grant to John Cohoon on February 12, 1761), witnessed by Etheldred Philips and William Teat. (D. B. 4, p. 492)

In the Edgecombe County Census of 1790 Elijah Horn had two males over sixteen, seven males under sixteen, three females, and two slaves. In February, 1799, Elijah (H) Horn sold Simeon Horn of Edgecombe County for £100 current N. C. money 200 acres north of Tyancokey Swamp on Griffin's Branch at the mouth of the Hanging Branch, adjoining Michael Horn and James Valentine (from a grant to Michael Horn on August 4, 1761), witnessed by Lamon Ruffin, E. Ruffin, and Samuel Dew. (D. B. 9, p. 131) On August 15, 1799, Elijah (X) Horn was about to marry Susannah (X) Killibrew and they deeded to Simeon Horn for five shillings all said Elijah Horn's real and personal estate; and for another five shillings all said Susannah Killibrew's interest in the estate after their deaths, witnessed by Dempsey Jenkins and Lamon Ruffin. (D. B. 9, p. 382) They were married on August 18, 1799, bonded by Simeon Horn. She was widow of Joshua Killibrew who died in 1793 and may have been the daughter of David and Elizabeth Bullock of Edgecombe County. On February 16, 1801, Elijah (H) Horn of Edgecombe County sold Charles Gray for $200.00 a tract of 174 acres south of Tar River adjoining William Vann and John Haywood, witnessed by Frederick Philips, H. Haywood and John Cotton. (D. B. 10, p. 27) On February 20, 1810 Elijah (H) Horn sold Joel Battle for $340.00 in silver dollars 206 acres south of Tar River adjoining Battle, Haywood, and the Great Pocoson, witnessed by Isaac Battle and Josiah Horn. (D. B. 13, p. 213) On December 16, 1815, Governor William Miller granted Elijah Horn 18 acres adjoining Tar River and Josiah Horn, deceased. (D. B. 15, p. 434)

Elijah (H) Horn made his will in Edgecombe County on March 26, 1804, and it was probated in February Court, 1815: (1) wife Susannah Horn, use of 20 acres "called the schoolhouse ridge with a good comfortable log house built thereon (by the order direction & management of my Executor or Executors hereafter named) eighteen feet by fourteen feet, planked floor & door, and dirt chimney, shingled roof (and at the expense of my son Bythal Horn's part of my estate hereafter given & Bequeathed to him & by & with the assistance of my negro man slave Buggen) But if my maid wife Susanna refuses to settle and live during her widowhood on said land and premises she is to have no longer a right thereto"; gift of 10 hogs, 20 barrels of corn, supply of fodder for her horse, enough corn, bacon, fat and soap "to support my said wife and her child and son Henry Horn, until December next,"; (2) son and executor Simeon Horn, 200 acres west of Griffin's Branch (now called Rice Pond Branch) adjoining Hanging Branch and Cool Spring Branch and Thomas Deaver, where he now lives, cow and calf, five sheep, and a share in the residue; (3) son James Horn, 200 acres where he lives adjoining Moses Price, Charles Gray, Jesse Clark, also the Adam Haywood tract still, and five sheep; (4) son Willie Horn, 200 acres on Rice Pond Branch at the mouth of Maple Pond Branch adjoining Cool Spring Branch and the old Abishai Horn line, slave Buggen, feather bed, bedstead, mat, cord, two sheets, two rose blankets and share of the residue; (5) son Bythal Horn, 300 acres including the home plantation adjoining the late Henry Williams, the Haywood tract, Great Pocoson, and the head of Rice Pond Branch; slave Peter, horse, colt, 2 feather beds, 4 sheets, 4 rose blankets, 2 steads, 2 mats, 2 cords, bridle & saddle, the geese, 2 cows with calves, pair of oxen and gear, cart and wheels, 3 sows with pigs, 15 hogs, walnut desk, pine chest, pine table, large iron kettle, iron pot and hooks, crosscut saw, 2 plowhoes, grubbing hoe, 2 narrow axes, one-inch augur, 2 weeding hoes, one-inch chisel, 6 sheep, pewter dish, 6 pewter plates, 2 pewter spoons, 3 cups and saucers, large butter pot, 6 knives and forks, pair of warping bars and boxes, meal tub, flour tub, 5 cider hogsheads, 2 cider barrels, 4 open-headed casks, 2 tubs, pail, piggin, meal sifter, frying pan, bread griddle, bread tray, wooden bowl, glass tumbler, Bible, Hymn Book, table cloth, wiping towel, glass decanter, claw hammer, pair of iron wedges, frow, handsaw, drawing knife, 40 barrels of corn, forage for his stock, and increase of his stock, (6) daughter Rhoda Ward, wife of Mercer Ward, featherbed and furnishings, and 2 cows with calves, (7) daughter Selah Dew, widow of Samuel Dew, featherbed and furnishings, and a cow and calf. (8) son (Henry?) Horn, $500.00 in silver to be raised from the residue, (9) son Levy Horn, share of the residue, (10) son Michael Horn, share of the residue, and (11) witnesses Lamon Ruffin, Etheldred Ruffin, and Sion Edge.

At the time of the probate of the above will, Simeon Horn was in Georgia, and Willie Horn was appointed executor and bonded at £3,000 by Thomas B. Horn and Spencer L. Hart. One November 25, 1819, Louis D. Wilson witnessed a deed by the Clerk of the Edgecombe County Court, Isaac Norfleet, to Gray Little for

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MAY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was opened with an introduction of the guests and a welcome to everyone present. The minutes were approved as written in Trees, and there was no treasurers' report.

Sue Powell reported that she was working on inputting the corrections to the last 75 pages of the Founding Families book, but the index work still has to be done. She hopes to have it ready for the printer in the near future.

Wanda Taylor, our president, thanked those who have contributed pictures for the 2009 calendar and reminded us that all photos should be submitted by June 30th. The committee is still working on programs for the coming year and has asked for suggestions of topics of interest and speakers the members might like to invite. That gives an opportunity to learn about the different interests of the group.

After months of searching for family members of the Winstead family, we will give the Winstead banner to Lee Spurling to take it to the Winstead reunion which will be held the last weekend in June. They should be thrilled to have it in their possession.

The June social will be held on our regular meeting night, June 24, at 6:30, in the sun room of Spring Arbor. We have met there the past several years, and it is a delightful room in which to enjoy the fellowship. Every member is asked to bring a covered dish and a small gift to exchange when we draw for door prizes. The meal is always good, and the gift exchanging is fun. Be prepared to enjoy!

The National Genealogical Society will hold its annual conference in Raleigh in May 2009. Their conference will be four days filled with nearly 200 presentations on subjects related to genealogical research.

Wanda asked for news from other societies and member discoveries after which she introduced Maury York, the assistant director for special Collections at the Joyner Library in Greenville.

Maury began with a humorous story in his family about a surprise marriage. Then on a more serious note, before beginning his lecture, he gave information on the availability of parking. He gave us pamphlets with good information about the collections, microfilms, exhibits, rare books, newspaper clippings, maps, hours, and their website.

Their mission statement is: "The Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection, the leading repository for the study of Eastern North Carolina, collects, preserves, provides access to, and actively promotes the use of resources pertaining to the state."

Maury stated that we need to learn about life in the areas where they lived to understand more about individual families. The library has a rich genealogical resource collection for the area from east of interstate highway 95 to the coast. They have purchased, and have on film, records for 30 eastern counties. Their printing is free. Except for the burned census year, they have all counties on microfilm from 1790-1930. The library has digitized thousands of books.

Maury's presentation was most informative and interesting, making us aware of all the information just waiting for us to search while working on our families.

At the end of his program, we had time to visit with him and other members before the library closed. It was a good meeting!

Frances W. Roberson

(Elijah Horn, continued from page 70)

$231.86 a tract of 174 1/3 acres (after deducting Willie Horn's part from 668½ acres that Elijah Horn died possessed of) north of Tyancokey Swamp on Rice Pond Branch, Maple Pond Branch, the old Abishai Horn line, Thomas Deaver, Simeon Horn, Cool Spring Branch, and Joel Battle; the heirs who shared in the money were; (1) Levi Horn, not a resident of North Carolina, (2) Simeon Horn, ditto, (3) James Horn, ditto, (4) Rhoda and Mercer Ward, ditto; (5) Duke Horn, a minor, (6) Whitmel Horn, a minor, (7) Hansel Harriet Horn, a minor, and (8) Henry Horn, a minor. (D. B. 19, p. 502)

The children of Elijah Horn of Edgecombe County:

1. Simeon Horn went to Jones County, Georgia
2. James Horn moved to Baldwin County, Georgia. James (x) Horn married Elizabeth Price on May 18, 1799, bonded by Cullen (x) Jones.
3. Levi Horn moved to Baldwin County, Georgia.
4. Willie Horn
5. Bythal Horn
6. Rhoda Horn married Mercer Ward and moved south.
7. Selah Horn married Samuel Dew of Edgecombe County.
8. Michael Horn—untraced, maybe born 1771 & in 1840 in Georgia.
9. William Henry Horn born October 19, 1801, by Susanna Bullock, an only son].

[Editor's note: other documents contained more information on Willie, Bythal, and William Henry.]

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

- Guilford County, North Carolina, Will Abstracts 1771-1841 compiled by Irene B. Webster
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- The catalog of WCGS offerings, which you received recently, includes on the order form *Marraiges of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* a two volume set, abstracted by J. Robert Boykin, III; however, the description of the set was omitted. This is a reprint of the 1988 publication, contains a total of 972 pages, and has comb bounding. Cost is $75 + tax + $8 shipping.
- *Trees of Wilson* is not published in July. Your next issue will be mailed in August.

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President's Message

When we work on our genealogy we are concerned with finding our ancestors' birth and death dates, but have you realized the cause of death could be of value to you? More people are doing genealogy for the purpose of creating Family Health History also known as Medical Genealogy. Perhaps you've noticed that some branches of your family lived longer than others.

Of the approximately 10,000 illnesses known to mankind, at least 3000 have genetic footprints. The list of diseases that can be hereditary includes heart disease, diabetes, leukemia, high blood pressure, depression, hearing & vision loss, migraines, thyroid disease, mental illness, multiple sclerosis, alcoholism, obesity and numerous cancers. Understanding your risk for developing such diseases is an important reason to learn more about your family's health history. By knowing your risk, you can make informed decisions about prevention and screening, and even participate in genetic based research aimed at understanding, preventing and curing diseases. A few years back Duke did a clinical study on eye disease in the Pearson branch of my family. I have to admit I did not participate, but now I wish I had.

Your Family Health Tree should include your horizontal lines (sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and cousins) as well as your vertical lineage (parents, grandparents, great-grand's). A pedigree that goes back four generations will be the most useful to you and your physician. The information you gather can be passed down to your children and grandchildren.

Places to gather your medical history: death certificates, mortality schedules, insurance records, obituaries, and cemetery and funeral records. Interview living family members to note medical problems; then you share with them your results. It could be life saving for all involved.

To help focus attention on the importance of family history, the U.S. Surgeon General in cooperation with other agencies with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services has launched a national public health campaign called the U. S. Surgeon General Family History Initiative, to encourage all American families to learn more about their family health history. Because family health history is such a powerful screening tool, the Surgeon General has created a new computerized tool to help make it fun and easy for anyone to create a sophisticated portrait of their family history. I tried this tool with what information I have to date. It is very easy to do. After I do some research, I will update it. The online chart only goes back two generations, but you have a good example to make your own chart showing your four or more generations.

You can access the tool at www.hhs.gov/familyhistory .

Wanda Lamm Taylor

Wilson Co. Genealogical Society will not meet in August. The next meeting will be September 30.

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here two of his recipes and will continue to publish them in future issues of *Trees*.

For Falling of the Womb

To make one quart, take a single handful of white bay bark and a handful of short leaf pine skin, that lies between the bark and wood, put two or three pine bows & put them in a ke__ with a sufficient quantity of water to make a quart of tea when sufficiently boiled, poar off the tea in a vessel to cool then add to it a piece of alum as large as the end of your finger and bottle it for use add to it one half pint of good rye whiskey take for a dose a teacup two thirds full three times a day, if the womb is full of fever and matters make a half gallon of tea at a time and leave out half the tea to wash and inject with, that you inject with put no spirits in, inject 3 times a day live on light diet in all cases when you make teas and medicine make it in a vessel clear of greese.

For Gonnerear

Take one grasp of queen weed root put in one gallon of water and one half teacupful of salts a piece of blue stone about the size of your thum half way to the joint, the same of alum, shake well before taking. For a dose take one jill three times a day, live on light diet, ..

[gill—in the United States, about one-fourth of a pint of liquid]

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ELI MERCER AND CHRISTIAN FARMER

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Christian Farmer, (ca. 1788-1817) daughter of Isaac Farmer, Jr., and wife Christian Barnes of Edgecombe County, married about 1809 Ely Mercer of Nash County, North Carolina. He may have been a son of James Mercer whose inventory was taken by administrator Noah Chadwick in Nash County on August 1, 1779.[1] On August 25, 1803, Eli Mercer, William Ross and William Robbins, Sr., witnessed the will of John (I) White of Edgecombe County. [2]

The first wife (married ca. 1803) of Eli Mercer was Barshaba Nicholson, (died about 1807) daughter of Thomas Nicholson of Nash County, by whom be probably had two children. His third wife (married 1818) was Margaret (Gardener?), who died about the end of 1847, and they apparently had only one child.

On September 28, 1803, Eli and Bashaba Mercer of Edgecombe County, Elizabeth Ann Mann of Nash County, and John Nicholson of Halifax County sold Joseph Wright Nicholson of Halifax County for L180.0.0 Virginia currency 335 acres adjoining Benjamin Mason, William Wilder, Jr., and Mark Mason (it being half of a grant to Lemuel Nicholson the Elder by the Earl of Granville on November 26, 1761, "& from the death of our late Uncle Absolam Nicholson Son of the said Lemuel the Elder to whom the said land was bequeathed and he said Absolam died Intestate we being his nephews & nieces heir the same from the Devision of his lands among the whole of His Heirs"); witnessed by James M. Nicholson.[3]

On December 6, 1805, Shadrach (x) Sims of Wayne County sold Ely Mercer of Edgecombe County for £240 a tract of 81 acres north of Contentnea Creek "Just above Rows old Landing," adjoining the Cobb and Horn line, Stephen's Branch, and Cornelius Saunders; witnessed by Etheldred Deberry and Robert Coleman.[4] On February 8, 1806, Benjamin Cobb of Nash County sold Ely Messer of Edgecombe County for $17.50 in silver money 10½ acres north of Contentnea Creek (my share in Lot No. 2 in the division of the late William Row, Sr.); witnessed by Lamuel Cobb and William Eates.[5]

On January 6, 1807 Etheldred DeBerry of Wayne County sold Ely Mercer of Nash County for £250 a tract of 215 acres north of Contentnea Creek adjoining Shepperd's Branch, William Horn, Ely Mercer, "the Road the County line," along it to Pasture Branch, and Thomas and Cornelius Sanders; witnessed by Thomas Horn and Samuel F. Mortgain.[6] On March 27, 1807, Eli Mercer of Nash County sold William Pope of the same place for $255.00 in silver dollars 51 acres north of Contentnea Creek in Edgecombe County adjoining Horn, Cobb, "Rows old pattant," and Saunders; witnessed by Etheldred D. Berry and John (x) Hedgepeth.[7]

On February 2, 1808, Stephen Cobb of Wayne County sold Eli Mercer of Nash County for $40.00 in silver money 10½ acres north of Contentnea Creek (my share of Lot No. 2 in the division of a lot formerly belonging to the late William Row, Sr.); witnessed by Thomas Horn and James Donell.[8] On November 11, 1808, Etheldred D. Berry and wife Mary of Wayne County sold Ely Mercer of Nash County for $45.00 in silver money 10½ acres north of Contentnea Creek (from a former division of the late William Row, Sr.); no witnesses.[9]

On October 27, 1809, Thomas Horn and others petitioned in the Nash County Court that the old road called the Bloomery Road be reopened from Thomas Horn's on Toisnot Swamp into

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the Contentnea Road at or near Eli Mercer's Plantation.[10] On May 5, 1810, Ely Mercer sold Thomas Horn, son of Jacob Horn, for $74.66 2/3 a tract of 16¾ acres north of Contentnea Creek (Lots Nos. 4 and 5 drawn by Benjamin and Stephen Cobb in a division); witnessed by Hardy Horn and Thomas Airs.[11] On September 4, 1816, Eli Mercer and Litha Hedgepeth witnessed the will of John Hedgepeth of Edgecombe County.[12]

Eli Mercer made his will in Nash County on June 1, 1832, and it was probated in August Court, 1832; (1) wife Margaret Mercer, bed, stead, bedclothes, pine chest, pine table, woman's saddle; use of mare, colt, 2 cows and yearlings, hogs, sheep, 2 dagon plows, 2 fluke hoes, 2 plow frames, 2 axes, grubbing hoe, 2 weeding hoes, bed and furniture, 12 sitting chairs, 2 pots, spider, griddle, Dutch oven, 2 bread trays, meal sifter, pine table, woolen wheel, cards, linen wheel, and half the land including the dwelling house; (2) daughter Nancy Mercer, bed, stead, and furniture, pine chest, and one-fifth of the slave money; (3) son James Mercer, bed and furniture, walnut table, north half of the land; (4) daughter Abba Mercer, feather bed and furniture, tea table, and one-fifth of the slave money; (5) son Thomas Mercer, bed, stead, and furniture, china press, reversion in the southern half of the plantation; (6) three slaves to be sold and money divided into five parts; (7) daughter Sally Williamson, a fifth of the slave money; (8) son and executor John Mercer, ditto; (9) daughter Mary Gardner, ditto; (10) friend and executor Isaac Williamson; and witnesses: Bartley Deans and Stephen Boykin.[13]

On August 30, 1832, executor Isaac Williamson sold the personal property of Ely Mercer and purchases were made by the widow, John N. Mercer, Nancy Mercer, and Alsey Mercer. Additional sales were held on October 31, 1832 and January 1, 1833.[14]

Margaret (x) Mercer made her will on October 30, 1847, in Nash County, and it was probated in February Court, 1848: (1) granddaughter Eliza Jane Mercer, daughter of Thomas Mercer, feather bed and furniture and a chest; (2) granddaughter Tempe Ann Mercer, daughter of Thomas, ditto; (3) Rhoda Mercer, wife of Thomas, side saddle, loom, blue table, press, pair of cart wheels, woolen wheel, 2 tubs, 12 plates, 5 bowls, 3 jugs, black bottle, tickler, decanter, and 2 flat irons; (4) executor Thomas Mercer, all stock; and (5) witness: James F. Mercer and Lazarus Cook.[15]

Children of Ely and Barshaba Nicholson Mercer:
1. John Nicholson Mercer was born in 1804.
2. Mary Mercer born 1806, married _____ Gardner.

Children of Ely and Christian Farmer Mercer:
1. Sally Mercer was born in 1810.
2. Nancy Mercer was born in 1812.
3. James Farmer Mercer was born in 1814.
4. Abba Mercer was born in 1816. Barney Pearson acted as her guardian from 1834 to 1837.[16] She probably died before 1850.

Children of Ely and Margaret Mercer:
1. Thomas Mercer was born in 1819.

Footnotes
1. Joseph W. Watson, *Abstracts of Early Records of Nash County, North Carolina, 1777-1859* (Rocky Mount, N. C., 1963), p. 219.
2. Edgecombe County, Will Book D, p. 198.
3. Nash County, Deed Book 7, p. 177.
4. Deed Book 8, p. 166.
5. Deed Book 8, p. 102.
6. Deed Book 8, p, 176.
7. Edgecombe County, Deed Book 13, p. 47.
8. Nash County, Deed Book 9, p. 220.
9. Deed Book 8, p. 271.
10. Watson, p. 118.
11. Nash County, Deed Book 9, p. 217.
12. Edgecombe County, Will Book E, p. 337
13. Nash County, Will Book 1, p. 389.
14. Watson, p. 219.
15. Nash County, Will Book 1, p. 510.
16. Watson, p. 347.

JOHN NICHOLSON MERCER
Compiled by Marion W. "Monk" Moore

John Nicholson Mercer, son of Eli Mercer and his first wife Bathsheba Nicholson, married Esther Pitt on January 10, 1826.

The inventory and sale by Stephen Boykin, administrator of the estate of John N. Mercer, were held on May 29, 1841, and presented to August Term 1841 of Nash County Court. The widow and James Fulghum were the principal buyers. The current account was presented January 30, 1844.

At the May Term of Nash County Court, Esther Messer, widow of John Messer, filed a petition for dower. The heirs at law were Evelina, Eliza Jane, J___ John, and James W. M., all infants. The dower was allotted at October Court 1842.

James F. Mercer, guardian of the heirs and orphans of John N. Mercer, presented returns in Nash County Court in the years 1848 through 1855.

Esther Mercer married John Gifford on May 14, 1850, in Nash County. In 1850, Johnathan Gifford, age 70, wheelwright; and Esther, age 40, lived on Shepherd's Branch in Wayne County. Living with them were John, age 15; and Wilie, age 6. The two boys carried the surname Mercer in later records.

Children of John N. and Esther Pitt Mercer

Evelina married Jackson Gifford on February 9, 1847, in Nash County.

Eliza Jane married William Lamm on April 11, 1854, in Wayne County.

John Joseph married Zilpha Lucas, license issued January 6, 1858, in Wilson County.

James W. M. married Penelope Barnes, daughter of Josiah and Sarah Barnes, on September 28, 1869, in Wilson County.

Children of Esther Pitt Mercer and ?

Wiley Bronson Mercer, born April 5, 1844, married Elizabeth "Bettie" Tomlinson, daughter of Warren

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				ic	Burnett		
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Barna Burnett	5	Everett Joyner	1837	farmer			
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Ephraim Hagans	10	Zachariah Davis	1837	---			
Harriet Seaberry	---	Henry Best	1837	spinster			
Minerva Artis	4	Edwin Bryan	1837	spinster			50 Wayne
Rufus Artis	---	Edwin Bryan	1837	---			
Benajah Artis	---	Edwin Bryan	1837	---			
Julia Artis	---	Edwin Bryan	1837	---			
Bill Brooks	6	John Lewis	1838	farmer	John Stafford & Annis Brooks		50 Wayne
John Green	---	Henry McKinne	1838	---			
James Carroll	8	William McKinne	1838	---			
Jacob S. Read	3	Jesse Bogue	1838	farmer	Tabitha Reed jr. FPC & Jacob Coley, slave	Sophia Bynum	50/80 Wayne, 60 Johnston
John Gray Hall	5	John Davis	1838	farmer			
Barna Burnet	6	Harris Barfield	1838	farmer			
Jordan Wiggins	5	William Thomas	1838	---		Zilla _____	50/60 Wayne
James Wiggins	---	William Thomas	1838	---			
Winnie Hall	---	Exum Pike	1838	---	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Lawrence Reid	60/70/80 Wayne
Sam Hall	---	Exum Pike	1838	---	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Eliza _____; Lucresy Smith	50 Wayne
Zany [Mozana] Hall	---	Exum Pike	1838	---	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	John Reid	50/60 Wayne
Benajah Hall	---	Exum Pike	1838	---	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Benjamin Reid	60 Wayne
Wilie Carroll	---	William McKinne	1839	---			
Bill Capps	7	Harris Barfield	1839	farmer		Margaret _____	60 Wayne
Jinnet Burnett	7	Calvin Coor	1839	---	Edith Burnett		50/60 Wayne
Wilie Burnett	2	Asher Pipkin	1839	farmer			
Mary A. Hagans	---	W. Thompson	1839	---			
Ann Goins	---	Jonathan Pike	1839	---			
Angeline Seaberry	---	William Thomson	1839	---	Nicey Seaberry?	Mike Faithful	50/60 Wayne
Wm. Henderson Artis	---	William Thomson	1839	---		Mary Vick?	
Jane Artis	---	William Thomson	1839	---			
Rufus Artis	---	William Hooks	1840	---			
Rufus Artis	---	Martin Sauls	1840	farmer			

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Ben Artis	---	Martin Sauls	1840	farmer			
Trecy Davis	9	Kenan Grantham	1840	spinster			50 Wayne, 60 Johnst.
Lawrence Hagans	19	Jesse Bogue	1840	farmer			50 Wayne
Penny Winn	3	Burnet Peacock	1840	spinster			
Augustus Brunt	7	Asher Pipkin	1840	farmer	Polly Brunt	Harriet Herring; Gertrude _____	50 Wayne, 60 Wake, 00 Lake Co AR
Rhody Roe	12	Godfrey Stansell	1840	farmer			
Jacob S. Read	6	David Barden	1841	farmer	Tabitha Reed jr. & Jacob Coley (slave)	Sophia Bynum	50/80 Wayne, 60 Johnston?
John Hagans	4	Elias Barnes	1841	farmer			50 Wayne
John G. Hall	8	James Hall	1841	farmer			
Mary Jones	4	William Sauls	1841	spinster			
Hillary Jones	7	Bardin Jones	1841	farmer			
Briley Lane	16	Jesse Lane	1841	farmer			
John Artis	19	Sarah Davis	1841	farmer			
Mansy Seaberry	8	Wm. T. Williams	1841	spinster	Nicey Seaberry?		50/60 Wayne, 00 Craven
Jim Carroll	---	William C. Bryan	1842	farmer			50 Wayne
Jim Carroll	---	Samuel Smith	1842	farmer			50 Wayne
Willie Carroll	---	Samuel Smith	1842	---			
Henry Carroll	---	Samuel Smith	1842	---			
Andrew Mitchell	3	Absalom Sauls	1842	farmer			
Jacob Mitchell	---	Absalom Sauls	1842	farmer			
Betsey Morris	9	Thomas Horn	1842	---	Martha Morris		50 Wayne, 60 Wilson
Nancy Lucas	---	William Thomson	1842	farmer			
John Hagans	5 mo.	Lem'l Edmundson	1842	farmer			50 Wayne
Henderson Gandy [Gansey]	15	Rob Williams	1842	farmer	Tansey Gandy		60 Lenoir
Merinda Wise	12	Asher Pipkin	1842	spinster	Sally Wise, white		60 Wayne
Eliza Hagans	16	Lovet Peacock	1843	spinster			
William Ayers	13	Fred Hollomon	1843	farmer			60/80 Wilson
John Q. Barfield	12	John Hooks	1843	farmer			50 Wayne, 60 Greene
Thomas Barfield	11	John Hooks	1843	farmer			60 Wayne
Henry Barfield	7	John Hooks	1843	farmer			50 Wayne, 60 Greene
William Ayers	13	Enos Rose	1843	farmer			60/80 Wilson
Ruben Artis	2	John Exum	1843	farmer			50 Wayne
July Artis	1	John Exum	1843	farmer			50 Wayne
Henry Artis	9	Burket Barnes	1843	farmer			50 Wayne

AYCOCK FAMILY HISTORY (Part 3)
"Fremont, North Carolina Social History, 1859-1918 and Aycock Family History"
Written by Selby A. Daniels
Contributed by Barbara M. Ferrell

[Editor's note: The Aycock family story was begun in the May 2008 issue of *Trees of Wilson* and continued in the June issue. Future issues will include additional segments.]

Water was easy to find around rural Fremont. Wells only had to be dug on an average of twenty feet in depth to find good water. I know, as I dug a well for my father at a tenant house when I was eighteen years old, and I only had to go nineteen feet. Lucky for me a rope was tied to the top rung of a ladder that was lowered down to me after I struck quicksand, because as I stepped on the ladder to climb out, it kept on doing down in the quicksand. The only other problem in digging wells there was the ever-present danger of the well wall "caving in." This happened to me in cleaning out the main well at my home. I was lucky again, as the cave-in occurred near the water line. This could have been quite hazardous had the cave-in been above my head.

Milk soured quickly in summer, turning to "clabber milk" or "curds and whey." We developed a taste for buttermilk that came from churning "clabber milk." To prevent milk from souring before it was consumed we tied a rope around the top of a jar or jug of milk and lowered it down in the water of the well. There was nothing tastier during the summer than a bowl of fresh peaches and milk, cool milk kept in the well.

Well sweeps were used to draw water from Fremont area wills during the Civil War and, even as late as the 1930's. Well sweeps were suited for shallow wells only, due to the way they were constructed. A long sapling from a very shaded swamp was nailed or grooved-mounted on an "A" frame, with the trunk end of the sapling resting on the ground when not in use. Usually a heavy metal anchor was fastened to that end of the sapling pole. At the top of the sapling pole another smaller pole the length of which equaled the depth of the well including the height of the well cover, was tried with a leather thong or heavy rope. Tied to the bottom end of this pole was a wooden or "oaken bucket." To draw water with this "A" frame well sweep, all the user had to do was merely take the pole with the bucket, lower it down in the well, and when full, gently allow the weight of the "A" frame sapling pole raise the bucket full of water. Very little effort was required to do this.

Around the turn of the century small hand pumps made their appearance. A two-inch pipe was driven into the ground to water depth and the pump mounted on the pipe. "Priming" these pumps with water was necessary to get them going each time they were used.

At our farm home we had many very large black walnut trees. In the early fall after the leaves had fallen off the walnut trees and nuts littered the ground, it was quite tempting to pick up a few and crack them. I remember how I looked forward to getting home from school in order to crack black walnuts on the waist-high roots of a giant red oak tree in our front yard. This giant red oak was probably the largest in Eastern North Carolina, as it had an outgrowth of roots around it over two feet high, and two feet from the ground these roots and the tree measured forty-four feet in circumference. My mother used to tell me of visits to this old homestead by Gov. Charles B. Aycock to see my grandfather Gary Frank Aycock, he would crack walnuts on the roots of this giant tree. My grandfather was eleven years other than Charles B.

My mother and grandparents used to tell me of neighborhood get-togethers such as "corn shucking," which was held at night after it was too dart to do other outside work. This was always a festive occasion that attracted both sexes of young people. The famer who sponsored the "corn sucking" got his corn shucked labor free by those he invited; while the participants had loads of fun by making a game of it in this way: Every time a boy shucked a red ear or "Indian Corn" he could kiss any girl who was present. It worked the same with a girl for the boy of her choice. Needless to say, if the sponsoring farmer did not have any red ears of his own, he procured some from a neighbor for the event and "planted" them throughout his piles of corn.

A social event of special importance to the ladies of the community was the "quilting bee." Not only did the ladies exchange gossip as they worked, but the quilting bee was a training event for young girls before they married. Mothers brought their children, and to the children the occasion was one grand day of merriment and play with their relatives and neighbors.

Sometimes the dreaded bed bugs invaded the horizontal paneled wall crevices, and attacked their victims as they tried to sleep. The sleeper is totally helpless in this situation. If the sleeper tries to escape by leaving the bed and "making a pallet on the floor," his respite is short-lived, as these leeches of human blood will get him there also. Summertime was prime bed bug season. My ancestors' remedy for the bed bug menace was simple- scald them to death. All furniture was totally removed from the affected room. A washpot was filled with water (in the yard) a fire built under it, and the water had to be boiling hot to be ready for use. A bucket was filled with this boiling hot water with a gourd dipper, and the same gourd dipper dashed the water on the whole wall of the room, board by board. Care had to be taken by the worker not to spill any water on himself. I did this job many times myself.

The unpainted and unvarnished floors periodically needed to be mopped, and sometimes this was done simultaneously with the bed bug job. Box lye soap was melted in a tub or bucket of boiling hot water. The mop was home-made. A 2" x 8" board approximately eighteen inches long was drilled (with an auger) with two rows of 1½" holes, and these holes

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were stuffed with dried corn shucks dipped in hot soapy water to make them pliable. A sturdy handle was then fastened at mid-point of the board with the desired angle to get the best service out of the mop. I have seen some floors that had been mopped so frequently in this manner that when dry the floor was almost worn white. My own grandmother was such a meticulous housekeeper she literally mopped all her floors once a month and rearranged all the furniture each time in each room! Like stories told about Dutch people leaving their wooden shoes outside the door, my grandmother had my grandfather to remove his work shoes at the door.

With the introduction of tobacco growing at Fremont came snuff-dipping, tobacco chewing and pipe smoking. My grandmother dipped snuff and she was constantly sending my mother to "fo fetch her snuff" no matter which building my grandmother had her chasing back to the other building for it (from the kitchen house to the main house- and back.) My mother told me this cured her forever from any desire whatever to use tobacco in any form.

All snuff users needed a snuff brush, sometimes pronounced "bresh." The user always sent children to the woods to hunt for waist high size black gum trees, as their tiny limbs were just the right size. These tiny limbs were stripped off with a downward thrust and the bark removed from the area to be used in the month. While still fresh and green, the user would chew on this limb until the fibers parted, forming a brushlike appearance. The user then took the brush and dipped snuff with it from the snuff container. Although some snuff users merely pulled their lower lip open and dropped snuff in between the lip and lower teeth, the use of the black gum brush was more commonly used.

Almost as many women as men smoke corn cob pipes. As a child I used to stare in wonder at these women in particular. Many of the corn cob pipe users were black women.

Tobacco chewing was different. I have seen bearded old men with brown tobacco stains streaking down their beards; some with mouths so full of tobacco their speech was almost unintelligible. The only real good I ever saw to come from chewing tobacco were times when children were stung by bees, wasps or yellow jackets and a wet dab of chewing tobacco held on the affected spot a few moments usually did the trick of removing all pain.

Most Fremont area farmers hoed the weeds and grass in their yards, leaving the yard totally bare. In order to maintain this rigid bare appearance, all leaves and other vegetable debris were swept clean once a week- usually on Saturdays, with a "yard broom" made of a handful of small, bushy-top dogwood trees carefully selected for this special yard work, all tried together.

The floors of the kitchen house and main house were swept daily with "broomstraw brooms," which grew lustily in abandoned fields. Selecting the choicest straw was also a job usually assigned to children. After being cut, the straw bundle is held aloft by the top of the tuft and a wide pronged fork is used to stab (sometimes pronounced "stob") the bundle near the top and is thus pulled all the way to the bottom, cleaning all the dead chaff out. After cleaning in this manner, the remaining straw was tied tightly into a broom, the handle size designed to fit adult hands.

Young people who dated each other was called "courting." A strict code of moral ethics was observed by the local citizenry, especially among families who were members of local churches such as Quakers, Primitive Baptists and Methodist. For instance, a typical girl of these families was one who blushed noticeably when "sweet nothings" were whispered to her. A girl was expected to completely remove herself or slap a boy who made even the slightest advances to her. Marriage always took place in the home of the bride rather than in the church, and this was particularly true among the Aycock families who were predominantly Primitive Baptists. My own parents were married at home this way.

All women shunned direct sunlight by wearing bonnets when working outside. Hard, dried leather plats eventually yielded to card board pieces the provided a handsome rigidity and style when sewed in these bonnets, protruding well beyond the face of the wearer, thus completely shielding the face from sunlight. A milk-white complexion for girls and women was generally favored by all. Those girls and women who Anglo-Saxon ancestral genes gave them freckles used buttermilk on their faces at frequent intervals to eliminate the hated freckles. Never scientifically proven, buttermilk was the only remedy known and used to remove freckles then. One of the most embarrassing and hurtful remark that I heard as a child in describing a girl whose face was literally covered with freckles was, "she has so many freckles she looks as if she swallowed a dollar and broke out in pennies."

The observance of two Christmases, "Old Christmas" on January 6th as well as "New Christmas" December the 25th was practiced by my parents, grandparents (which included all the Aycocks) and many neighbors when I was a child growing up at Fremont. At the time I did not consider it strange or unusual, and accepted it as a natural course of events since it was observed by so many others around me. After I became an adult and left Fremont for Charlotte, N. C., I began to wonder about "Old Christmas," its origin, and why it was fading away and no longer observed even by me with my own children and grandchildren, so I questioned my parents, whose only answer, "we did it because our parents and grandparents did it for us," did not satisfy my curiosity. Incidentally, as a child, my parents told me that at exactly midnight on Old Christmas night, all cows would get down on their knees to honor Jesus' birth. I made many Old Christmas trips to the cow stables and never once saw not even one cow on her knees, except to rise from a lying position!

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U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Cozart, (Mrs.) U.H. [Ula Hubert]; [nee Ollie Whitehead Moye]	8/18/1874	Wilson NC	5/22/1924	Wilson NC	Wife of U.H. Cozart; housekeeper; planned to visit England, Scotland, France, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium & Germany; 5'4", normal mouth and chin, high forehead, light hair, blue eyes, blom(?) complexion, nondescript nose; identified by C.F. Batts, accountant; photo attached.
Crews, John Ashley	1/20/1848	St. Clair County AL	1/9/1900	Wilson NC	Newspaper representative; 5'11", strong mouth – upper lip covered with brown and grey moustache, small goatee, medium forehead, dark hair "shotted with grey", grey-blue eyes, medium complexion, slightly aquiline nose, face strong & indicative of character; identified by William J. Bellamy, Wilmington NC.
Crews, John Ashley	1/20/1848	St. Clair County AL	12/18/1901	Wilson NC	Newspaper agent & correspondent; 5'11", moustache, small goatee, medium forehead, dark grey hair, grey-blue eyes, medium complexion, slightly aquiline nose, regular face; identified by John W. Batson, Wilmington NC.
Crews, John Ashley	1/20/1848	Near Ashville, St. Clair County AL	8/27/1903	Wilson NC	Newspaper agent & correspondent; 5'11", moustache, small goatee, medium forehead, dark grey hair, grey-blue eyes, medium complexion, slightly aquiline nose, regular face; identified by J.C. Hales.
de Ford, Dorothy Oettinger	3/20/1895	Wilson NC	5/17/1917	Washington DC	Wife of Allen Vanard de Ford; housewife; planned to visit Japan, Formosa, China, Hong Kong, Ceylon & India, leaving Vancouver on the *Empress of Russia* [husband's application notes that he was traveling to "look after purchases of Tea, Frozen and Dried Eggs" on behalf of The Pompeian Co., Baltimore MD]; 5'3", medium mouth, oval chin, medium forehead, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, regular nose, round face; identified by Mrs. Alma Sive, 2728-13th St., Washington DC; photo attached.
Durfey, Helen Elizabeth	7/31/1891	Wilson NC	4/29/1924	24 Highlander Ave., Montclair NJ	Adopted daughter of William J. Durfey, b. Norwich CT, not legally adopted, Bettie Graves Yates of Asheville NC gave affidavit that Helen was born to her sister Fannie Graves Woodard at their parents' home at Graves Villa and baptized 'Ruth Elizabeth'; planned to visit England, France, Italy & Switzerland, leaving NYC on the *Suffern*; 5'7"', medium mouth, round chin, medium forehead, light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, small nose, round face; identified by William J. Durfey, diamond merchant; photo attached.
Edmundson, Margaret W.	7/15/1902	Wilson NC	10/28/1921	Goldsboro NC (Coblenz, germany)	Daughter of Willis Edmundson, b. Wayne County NC; temporarily with [unnamed] step-brother, who was in military service with Convalescent Hospital, American Forces, Germany; planned to visit Belgium, British Isles, France, Holland, Italy & Switzerland; 5'5 ½", small mouth, oval chin, medium forehad, dark brown eyes and hair, dark complexion, short nose, oval face; identified by Elizabeth W. Smith of Goldsboro NC, now living at #7 Simrock St., Coblenz, Germany; photo attached. [Note: Smith was Edmundson's aunt and legally adopted her. Other

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

					references: "stepfather" Dr. R.A. Smith, Goldsboro NC, brother-in-law McCarthy Hanger, 3600 Albemarle St., Washington DC]
Freeman, E.J.	6/10/1885	Wilson NC	9/11/1919	Pearson FL	Laborer; planned to visit Cuba for work; 6', regular mouth, regular chin, regular forehead, black hair, dark eyes, ~~light~~ [sic] dark complexion [African-American], regular nose, regular face; identified by J.D. Bradley, Lake City FL.
Gold, Pleasant Daniel	5/15/1876	Wilson NC	6/12/1923	Seabreeze FL	Son of Pleasant D. Gold Sr., b. Wilson NC; mayor of municipality; planned to visit Britain, Scotland, Holland, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, leaving NYC on the *Mauretania*; no description attached.
Hackney, Mary Ella	10/7/1896	Wilson NC	5/20/1922	Wilson NC	Daughter of George Hackney, b. Wilson NC; secretary in bank; planned to visit France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland & England, leaving NYC on the *Pan-Handle State*; 5'3", medium mouth, small chin, medium forehead, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, small nose, oval face; identified by J.S. Farmer, tobacconist, 211 E. Green St., Wilson NC; photo attached.
Hadley, Mary W.	5/29/1879	Wilson NC	6/24/1910	Wilson NC	Unmarried; 5'8", medium mouth, round chin, low forehead, brown hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, large nose, square face; identified by J.C. Hales, President, Branch Banking & Trust Co. Wilson NC; no photo.
Hadley, Sarah	4/15/1974	Wilson NC	6/24/1910	Wilson NC	Unmarried; 5'7 ¼", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, dark hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, small nose, round face; identified by J.C. Hales, President, Branch Banking & Trust Co., Wilson NC; no photo.
Harriss, Herbert H.	6/20/1878	Wilson NC	8/20/1907	New York NY	Tobacconist; 5'10', clean shaved mouth, large chin, medium & rather broad forehead, brown hair, bluish-gray eyes, fair complexion, large nose, oval face; identified by M.E. Finch, 111-5th Ave., New York NY; no photo.
Harriss, Herbert H.	6/20/1878	Wilson NC	7/21/1920	Hotel Marseille, New York NY	Son of William J. Harriss, b. Drakes Bridge VA; traveled in Europe in 1908, 1910 & 1914; vice-president, P. Lorillard Co., 111-5th Ave., New York NY; planned to visit Greece, Constantinople, Smyrna, France & Italy on commercial business, leaving NYC on the *President Wilson*; 5'10", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, brownish gray hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, oval face; identified by A.H. Gary, Alston Tobacco Co.; photo attached.
Harriss, Herbert Henry	6/20/1879	Wilson NC	4/1/1922	New York NY	Son of William James Harriss, b. VA; vice-president, P. Lorillard Co.; planned to visit England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Bulgaria, Greece & Constantinople to supervise interests of P. Lorillard in Greece & Turkey, leaving NYC on the *Adriatic*; 5'10", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, brownish gray hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, prominent nose, oval face; identified by expired passport; photo attached.

JOSEPH WARREN MASONIC LODGE #92

A History of Stantonsburg, Circa 1780-2004, Second Edition

Joseph Warren Lodge of Stantonsburg is the oldest fraternal lodge in Wilson County and the thirty-third oldest in the state. The organizational meeting, held October 22, 1825, was attended by Jesse Speight, Elnathan Tart, Josiah Horn, Thomas Amerson, Wade R. Thomas, Benjamin Miller, Elijah Price, and William D. Petway. The lodge was chartered January 20, 1827, and the North Carolina General Assembly ratified the act to incorporate it on February 12, 1827. The charter members were Benjamin Miller, P. T. Cromwell, Thomas Amerson, J. R. Thomas, William Little, and W. R. Thomas, with Jesse Speight as Master.

Early meetings were held on the second floor of the David Baker Hill store on the northwest corner of Moyton Crossroads and later on the second floor of a building on the southwest corner.

Among members present in meetings during 1826, 1827, and 1829 were Henry Horn, William R. Howard, William Knight, Robert Simms, David Scarboro, Henry T. Stanton, Benjamin Tyson, Archelaus B. Thomas, John J. Peale, Benjamin W. Phillips, and Robert H. Williams. Others attending in the following years were Levy Wooten, John W. Farmer, Lewis Ellis, Redmund Ellis, Jesse P. Edmundson, Wright Edmundson, Alfred J. Ellis, Benjamin F. Briggs, and Stephen B. Woodard.

Masons who served as Masters of the Lodge during its first seventy-five years were:

Jesse Speight	1825-27
Blake Little	1828
Robin Wallace	1829
P. S. Cromwell	1830-34
William Stewart	1835
Wright Edmundson	1836-39, 1841-42, 1847-48, 1850-52, 1855
Robert Simms	1840
Joshua Wilkinson	1843-44
William L. Duggin	1845
Edward G. Speight	1846
L. T. Dortch	1849
Jas. P. Edmundson	1853
William B. Dupree	1854
Joseph Sauls	1856
Nathan Anderson	1857-58
A. J. Ellis	1859
William R. Bass	1860
B. F. Briggs	1861-63
J. J. Bynum	1864-66
S. Woodard	1867
F. M. Moye	1868-71, 1873-80, 1883-87
D. G. W. Ward	1872
W. H. Applewhite	1881-82, 1890-91
J. K. Peacock	1888
W. M. Ward	1889
B. J. Thompson	1892-93, 1898-99
E. C. Exum	1894-95
J. W. Stancil	1896-97

MOUNT LEBANON MASONIC LODGE #117

John D. Wilson

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

The oldest organization in what is now (1984) the City of Wilson other than the Wilson Primitive Baptist Church is Mount Lebanon Masonic Lodge #117, organized 12 March, 1848, and chartered in what was then Toisnot Depot, Edgecombe County, 7 January, 1849.

The Town of Wilson was incorporated 29 January, 1849.

An older Joseph Warren Masonic Lodge #92, Stantonsburg, the oldest town in the county, was chartered 20 January, 1827.

The complete minutes of Mt. Lebanon are a running history of Wilson.

The earliest minutes refer to its location in Toisnot Depot but its first mention of Wilson was dated 5 August, 1849. Presumably, this was the approximate date that the Town of Wilson Charter went into effect.

The first mention of a regular meeting place was 7 January, 1849, in the new lodge building purchased for $320.00 [on] 11 January, 1849, on Lodge Street, named for the Lodge.

A bell was purchased for lodge use in 1849. On 29 September, 1873, the lodge loaned its bell to the Missionary Baptist Church to be used at the ensuing association.

The lower floor of the lodge hall on Lodge Street was first used for a school in 1850 and later by Baptist and Episcopalians.

There were no minutes from 11 January, 1862—13 February, 1864, presumably because of the War Between the States. John W. Dunham for whom the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was named, was the first person elected to membership after the war on 13 February, 1864.

A committee to install electric lights was appointed 18 March, 1895. On 15, June, 1903, the first light bill was sixty (.60) cents.

On 15 August, 1915, A. B. Andrews, acting Grand Master of North Carolina, suggested that a portrait of Colonel Louis D. Wilson for whom the town and county were named, be presented to the county. The lodge obtained the portrait 15, November, 1915. There is no mention of the presentation of the portrait now hanging overhead in the courthouse lobby. It originally hung at eye level until someone slashed it with a knife.

On 7 October, 1918, the lodge was closed by order of the Board of Health, as were all public gatherings, because of the Spanish influenza epidemic that killed so many.

On 15 December, 1919, at the request of the Grand Master, the lodge contributed funds to the George Washington National Memorial to be built in Alexandria, Virginia.

The lodge lay the cornerstone of the Courthouse at 12:30 P. M., 19 September, 1924.

To date, one hundred and one individuals have

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EADY SESSOMS OBITUARY

***Zion's Landmark*, December 15, 1901**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

EADY SESSOMS.

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write you the death of my mother-in-law. The children and some friends wish the following words to be published in the *Landmark*:

Eady Sessoms was born the 21st day of June, 1845, and was the daughter of Jackson and Piety Floore, and she became a fatherless and motherless child, and was taken and reared by her grandfather, Jacob Proctor, and was married to J. J. Sessoms in December, 1866; was received into the fellowship of the Primitive Baptist church about 1874, baptized in Proctor's mill pond, and was a faithful and useful member of Pleasant Hill church until death, which sad event occurred June 22, 1901. Her disease was paralysis.

Sister Sessoms was a kind mother and neighbor, and will be missed by those around her. She leaves a husband, six children, besides a host of relatives and friends, to mourn her loss. ...

C. G. Proctor

Elm City, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

• The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West National Genealogical Society ~ Conference in the States 2009

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss the next Conference in the States, sponsored by the National Genealogical Society, when the nation's genealogists will come together in Raleigh, North Carolina. The conference will be held in the new Raleigh Convention Center on **May 13-16, 2009**. The theme for the 2009 conference is *The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West.*

North Carolina history and research opportunities will provide the backdrop for the 2009 conference. The conference will feature many nationally-known speakers, and the exhibit hall will be filled with vendors sharing the latest products for genealogists. The educational opportunities are plentiful and the networking opportunities unmatched.

Many volunteers are needed to present a conference of this size. The local host, the North Carolina Genealogical Society, has been hard at work planning special events and activities for attendees, but there's still much work to be done, and your help is needed. If you can volunteer your time, either before or during the conference, please contact either Rob (rcgenealogy@aol.com) or Cathy Elias (cathyelias@aol.com). Provide your contact information, and they will get back to you.

Watch the NGS website (http://www/ngsgenealogy.org) for more information about the conference. The NGS 2009 blog (http://www.ncgenealogy.org/blogs/ngs2009/) will keep you up-to-date with your pre-conference planning.

(John Nicholson Mercer, continued from page 75)

and Charity Worrell Tomlinson, on January 17, 1867, in Wilson County.

Henry Mercer

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served as masters. Some served several times though none more than once since 1915. John Gray Williams, the first master, served 3 times from 1848-58. George W. Blount, the only member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge to have been elected Grand Master of North Carolina, was lodge master ten times between 1867-91, Thomas S. Kenan three times from 1875-78 and F. N. Bridgers twice from 1910-12.

MASTERS OF MOUNT LEBANON LODGE #117

Contributed by Edward Allen

Masons who served as Masters of the Lodge during its first fifty-two years:

John Gray Williams 1848-49, 1857
Barron G. Watson 1850
Larry D. Farmer 1851-55, 1858, 1864
Albert Farmer 1856
Thomas C. Davis 1859
Pomery P. Clark 1860-63
John W. Dunham 1865
Charles G. Rountree 1866, 1869
George W. Blount 1867-68, 1870-1874, 1878-79, 1886, 1890
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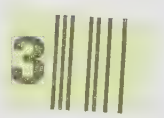

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President's Message

Hello, Readers,

I hope you all had a nice summer and were able to make new discoveries in your family research.

I would like to talk to you about the *Founding Families* publication. You are going to be so impressed with this book! It is loaded with information. It will be a large book measuring approximately eight and a half by eleven inches and filled with over five hundred pages.

We have Sue and Henry Powell to thank for the inspiration of *Founding Families*. Shortly after they began work, Henry developed health problems. He has been hospitalized numerous times, and his care continues to require more and more of Sue's time and energy which leaves her little time for *Founding Families.* She is also the editor of this fine newsletter, as well as treasurer for the Society.

Progress has been slow, but we are almost to the end! The index is being worked on now, and that is taking more time than was expected (the book is just so full of names of our founding families). We would very much like to get this book finished, and we need your help. If you live nearby and could devote some time to do some data entry, we ask, Please help! I have helped Sue with this project. It is not difficult, and you don't even have to be a fast typist. You will have to type at Sue's home because the index program and the book are in her computer. Sue will be there with you, preparing the data for you to type. With two people working, you complete twice as many pages in a

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SEPTEMBER 30TH MEETING

Wilson County Public Library

Assembly Room, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our regular meeting on September 30th in the Assembly Room.

Jennie Schindler Graham, Site Manager of the Country Doctor Museum will bring artifacts and speak to us about early physicians in our area, their schooling and medical practices. Ms. Graham, a Barton College graduate in history, serves as museum administrative liaison with East Carolina University and site coordinator.

WCGS By-laws specify that at our September meeting the slate of nominees for the officers for the upcoming year are presented, and the floor will be open for additional nominations.

The following are the nominees:

President: Wanda Lamm Taylor
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The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer will be elected for a one year term. The president and vice president can serve no more than two consecutive terms. The board member is elected for a three year term. Jane Poston and Jerry Stancil are currently serving continuing terms as board members.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the September meeting. The election of officers will be held at the October meeting.

October program: Otis Daughtridge, History of Wilson Fire Department

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here one of his recipes and will continue to publish others in future issues of *Trees*.

Midwifery

Give composition to stregthen the woman particular if she is weak and feble if her strength fails increase the dose of composition and keep her in a perspiration, don't be in too big a hurry be patiently aid nature but don't use too much strength, to take the fruit before it is ripe, if you do you will injure the tree and fruit too, sometimes it is the case after the child is borned it is with dificulty to clear the woman, and the learned Doctor will say the afterbirth has grown to the womb, which is false indeed, it is only hung which is caused by weakness of the woman, or by her shrinking from instead of bearing to her pains, or it is caused by the midwife taking the child to soon, it is left hung in the rinkles of the womb, It takes pain to bring that as well as the child I have proved the idea of its being growed to womb to be false in every such a case I have been too for the last 48 years I have witnessed several just such cases and in all such cases I give composition and other stimulents to increase the pain and sometimes the afterbirth would drop from the woman itself while sitting over a steam in the chamber, never use too much foarce either in child birth or in clearing the

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(Willie Batts Formula continued)

woman I here will state one case where I was caled on to attend Mrs Denson several years ago she was confined and sent for help the midwife went and used her best judgments but to no perpos she then caled for a doctor, Mrs. Denson, told her husband to send for me, when I got there I found the woman in an awful condition she was as wet with blood from her waist down as if she had been diped in blood, and was in a cold condition, she told me she could not live, I gave her a dose of my liferestoring drops and encouraged her all I could, I had some composition tea made and gave it to her freely 'till I got her warm, I gave her the hot drops ocasionly which would make her throwup that cleared the stomach of bile and promoted perspiration soon after I got her in a sweat she was delivered of a fine large child, but the child was dead, Mr. Richard Whitfield came after me after we started he told me the condition of the woman and asked me what I thought of the case, I told him it was a bad case and I dreaded it, I told him the child would be borned dead and I was afraid the woman would die too, he answered that is just what I think. I asked him what for midwife did she have he said she had as good as was in the state, that when she called for a doctor it was a bad case, the reason I have been so particular in discribing this case is because it is a singul one the women soon after her child was borned asked if the child was not deformed we told them no but the afterbirth was a strange one it was in the shape of a hogs liver, there was no sign of the child ever being enveloped in the afterbirth, the print of the child was on the top side of the afterbirth, My regular treatment after the child is borned is to give composition tea occasionly for a week or two, and red raspberry leaf tea freely particular if the woman is troubled with after pains, if you havent the raspbery leaves, use catnip tea freely or some good strenghening tea to prevent childbed fever. You will find by using these artickles according to directions to be a womans friend, in all cases, if the woman should flow too much give a dose or two of the life restoring drops. Now I will illiasterd my ideas about the afterbirths growing to the womb my hands may be fastened togather but you can't make them grow together unless you cut the skin off of them both and lash them together until they seament, now the afterbirth has a skin, and they must boath become raw and you must confind them together until they heal up which I believe is empossible, but to show that it is for the like of assisting nature.. look at cattle in the latter part of the winter and spring while they are poor and weakly we might say these had grown to the womb, You don't ever see them in that condition, when they are getting a plenty vegetable matter to eat and are strong, If you should if you should happen to a case where a woman is in labor and her strength becomes exausted, and the other medicine fails to give strength and increase her pains, take a teaspoonful of composition powders and a teaspoonful cayann pepper and one teaspoonful nerve powders put them in a teacup add a teaspoonful sugar fill the cup with boiling water stir well let it stand a few minutes and cool poar off the tea, then take a teaspoonful of lobelia brown and stir in the tea. then let the woman drink it. I never have been with but one such a case I fixed this dose and let her drink it, and her child was borned in less time than ten minutes she and her child did well, This case surprised the midwife and all who were present. The midwife said it beat any thing she ever saw.

[Receipt for liferestoring drops will be included in a future issue.]

WILLIAM BARNES OBITUARY

Zion's Landmark, January 1, 1891

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

DEACON WILLIAM BARNES.

... Brother Wm. Barnes was born in 1811, and died Dec., 1st, 1890, so that he was almost four score years old at the day of his death.

He lived his entire life near the home of his youth, and fell asleep within about one mile of the place where he first saw this earth. He was the senior brother of Deacon Joshua Barnes whose obituary appeared in the last issue of the *Landmark,* and they were brothers indeed. When General Barnes died his brother William was unable to leave his own house, and I said, "Does your brother's death fall heavily on you, Brother Barnes?" He said, yes, brother Gold, it does, "for we have lived near together all our lives and never had a cross word."

They were both baptized the same day by myself, and both ordained deacons of the same church the same day. They had been each of them men of great liberality to the church for years before they were baptized and so they continued until their death.

It is of brother Wm. Barnes I specially wish to write at the request of Mrs. Barnes, and freely too of my own feelings. It would be hard for me to select one that I loved more sincerely than this brother for various reasons.

1st ... Brother Barnes was conspicuous for his good, sound, clear judgment in business matters. He did not make any display or show of being any great one, but was quiet and modest, yet firm, decided and clear in judgment. It was seldom if ever he erred in his business judgment.

2nd. He was an honest, truthful man. No man has ever been heard to say, so far as I know, that he ever defrauded any one, or ever oppressed or wronged any man, or deceived him. While he did not fear men he respected them and their rights, and feared God. Any one knowing him would feel that he always told what he thought was truth.

3rd. He was a lover of peace and good men, and had no fellowship for the unfruitful works of darkness, yet he knew how to bear and forbear with much allowance with erring mortals.

4th. He was a kind man, liberal in his gifts and aid to others in need. He and Mrs. Barnes took to their own pleasant and comfortable home quite a number of orphan children and brought them up to be useful men and women. Judge Howard, one of the leading citizens of N. C., told me recently that once himself, brother Barnes, and quite a number of strangers were on their way to one of the leading summer resorts of the South, in the Mountains of Va., and brother Barnes was paying all the expenses of two young ladies not related to him at all. On the way the train stopt, and nice food was brought (rolls &c) for lunch, and sold at 10 cts. each. Brother Barnes wished six of them for his company, and because the waiter would not sell the six for fifty cents he would not buy them. His idea was that he should have reduced his price when selling so many. But the passengers in the other end of the car seeing this, began to remark, what a shame that an old man should be so selfish, when Judge Howard told them that he knew this old man to be more liberal than they all, and that then he was paying the entire expenses of two young ladies (without means) that were not at all related to him. He never refused help to such as were needy. Many a poor Baptist, as well as others, can bear witness to his liberalty with his goods, myself being of that number.

5th. While the above traits set forth and ornament his character there was, as the foundation of all of this and much more that was excellent, his love of Jesus and his people. He loved salvation by grace and knew there is none other. He was a child of God and faithful in his confession of truth. He lingered for months wasting and fading away. His wife, with whom he had lived 57 years wanting two days, was almost ceaseless in her attention to him. It was remarkable to see how his life spun out to the most attenuated thread, and how patient he was. When it seemed he was past consciousness I said brother Barnes, are you suffering much. He said yes, brother Gold, I am in considerable pain. I said, do you want any thing? He said, (I want) "nothing." These were the last words I heard him utter. ...

P. D. Gold

[Editor's note: William Barnes, born July 14, 1811, was the son of Jesse Barnes and his second wife Edith Jordan. Jesse (November 10, 1764-October 11, 1843) was the son of Dempsey and Sarah Barnes, and Edith (May 27, 1775-May 28, 1849) was the daughter of Joshua and Edith Jordan of Contentnea Creek, lower Edgecombe County.

William Barnes married Jane Wilkins, daughter of Willis Wilkins, Esq., on December 3, 1833. Jane was born in Virginia.

In 1850, Caty Williams, Betsy Barnes, Sarah E. Wilkins, P. Eli Porter, Kinchen, Mary and Mary F. Corbitt, lived with them.

In 1860, Sarah E. Wilkins, Kate Williams, and Martha Cobb lived with them.

In 1870, Martha E., William D., Lorenzo D., and Carrie D. Shelton lived with them. They were the orphans of Pleasanton Shelton and his wife Mary Mayo. Pleasanton, son of Burwell Shelton and his wife Sarah Booth, died in the Confederate Hospital in Petersburg, Virginia, in 1862. Mary Mayo, daughter of William and Abba Mayo, died in 1859.

In their will, William and Jane made bequests to brother Joshua Barnes, William S. Barnes, nephew Willis Barnes, Mrs. Edith Dew and her son John Dew, Mrs. Sarah Shallington, Mrs. Wealthy Tomlinson, Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell, Martha Jane Best and the children of Martha Jane Best and Joseph Porter, and Mrs. Sarah E. Porter.

Sources: *Bible Records of Early Edgecombe*, Ruth Smith Williams and Margarette Glenn Griffin; *Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro Newspapers, 1824-1865,* Hugh Buckner Johnston; "Family Connections," *Wilson Daily Times,* March 20, 2001, Henry Powell; Abstracts of Wills, Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, J. Robert Boykin III

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

Jordan Artis	11	Burket Barnes	1843	farmer		Sarah Evans	
Duncan Artis	7	Burket Barnes	1843	farmer		Margaret Hall	50 Wayne
Simpson Artis	14	Burket Barnes	1843	farmer			50 Monroe Co IN?
Levinah Artis	---	Burket Barnes	1843	spinster			
Ned Artis	3	Burket Barnes	1843	farmer			
Nancy Artis	2	Burket Barnes	1843	spinster			60 Wayne
Rasberry Artis	1	Burket Barnes	1843	farmer			50/60 Wayne
Leonard Artis	4	Burket Barnes	1843	farmer			50 Wayne
Joseph Seaberry	2 8/12	Burwell Martin	1844	farmer	Nicey Seaberry?		50 Wayne
Exeline Seaberry	4 8/12	Burwell Martin	1844	farmer	Nicey Seaberry?	William H. Hagans	50 Wayne
Patrick Artis	4 ½	Martin Sauls	1844	farmer			
John Artis	2	William Aycock	1844	farmer			
Thomas Artis[5]	15	William Hooks	1844	farmer			50 Wayne
Rufus Artis	5	William Hooks	1844	farmer			50 Wayne
John Artis	---	---	1844	---			
Henderson Gandy	17	Thos. T. Hollowell	1844	farmer	Tansey Gandy		
Jacob Goins	10	Washington Hooks	1844	farmer			50 Wayne
John Carroll	---	Robert McKinnie	1844	farmer			
John Hagans	15	Bunyan Barnes	1844	farmer			
Hinton Suggs	12	Rob't E. Williams	1845	carpenter		Martha George	50 Greene, 70/80/00 Wayne
Wilie Burnett	9	John Warwick	1845	farmer			50 Wayne
Eliza Mitchell	20	William Ward	1845	spinster			
Mary Radford	4	Willoughby H. Garner	1845	spinster	Paradice Radford (FPC), d/o Martha Radford (white)		50/60 Wayne
Sarah Radford	2	Willoughby H. Garner	1845	spinster	Paradice Radford (FPC), d/o Martha Radford (white)		50/60 Wayne
James Hagans	5	Jesse Mayo	1845	farmer			
Sam Hagans	2	Jesse Mayo	1845	farmer			
John Jones	12 ½	John Lane	1845	farmer			
John Hagans	5	Simeon Hooks	1845	farmer			
Edy Burnett	18	Benj'n Griswold	1845	spinster			
Napoleon Hagans	6	Wm. Thompson	1845	farmer	Louisa Hagans, d/o Leasy Hagans	Apcilla _____	50/70/80 Wayne

[5] In *William Hooks v. William T. Perkins*, 1 Busb. 21 (1852), Hooks, master of Thomas and Rufus Artis, sued Perkins, who had hired Thomas out. Hooks argued that Thomas' age had been erroneously recorded, that he was not in fact 21 years old, and that he should remain bound. The NC Supreme Court disagreed.

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

Elizabeth Artis	15	Simon Hooks	1845	---			
Elbert Artis	13	Benjamin Aycock	1845	---		Edith Obedience Hall	50/60/70 Wayne
Gilbert Artis	11	Benjamin Aycock	1845	---		Melvina Hagans	50/60/70 Wayne
Exy [Exeline] Seaberry	6	John L. Bradbury	1846	---	Nicey Seaberry?	William H. Hagans	50 Wayne
Joseph Seaberry	5	John L. Bradbury	1846	---	Nicey Seaberry?		50 Wayne
Sally Ann [Sarah] Artis	11	David James	1846	---			50 Wayne
Samuel Hall	17	Mark Pike	1846	farmer	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Eliza _____, Lucresy Smith	50 Wayne
Masany Hall	18	Mark Pike	1846	spinster	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	John Reid	50/60 Wayne
Winney Hall	15	Mark Pike	1846	spinster	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Lawrence Reid	60/70/80 Wayne
Benja Ann Hall	14	Mark Pike	1846	spinster	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Benjamin Reid	60 Wayne
Luke Hill	16	Thos. Hollowell	1846	farmer	Vicey Hill	Candis Gardner	50/70/80 Wayne
Calvin Hagans	---	Jesse Mayo	1846	farmer			
Sucky Carroll	19	Grafton Langston	1846	spinster	Easter/Esther Carroll		50 Wayne
Dred Carroll	17	Grafton Langston	1846	farmer	Easter/Esther Carroll	Susan Artis	50 Wayne, 60/70 Wilson
Jane Hill	12	William Exum	1847	spinster	Vicey Hill		50/60 Wayne
Cane Hill	10	William Exum	1847	farmer	Vicey Hill		50 Wayne
Simon Hill	6	William Exum	1847	farmer	Vicey Hill		50 Wayne
Joe Hill	4	William Exum	1847	farmer	Vicey Hill		50/60 Wayne
Clara Hill	2	William Exum	1847	spinster	Vicey Hill		50/60 Wayne
Cela Hill	3	William Exum	1847	spinster	Vicey Hill		50/70 Wayne
Furney Hatcher	6	William K. Lane	1847	farmer	Charity Hatcher, white		50 Wayne
Isaac Hatcher	13	William K. Lane	1847	farmer	Charity Hatcher, white		50 Wayne
Ennis Hatcher	11	William K. Lane	1847	farmer	Charity Hatcher, white		50 Wayne
Rebecca Hatcher	14	William K. Lane	1847	farmer	Charity Hatcher, white		70 Wayne
Hannah Lucas	19 ¼	Apsella Musgrove	1847	farmer			
Joseph Smith	13	Geo. L. Kornegay	1847	farmer			
John Smith	16	Geo. L. Kornegay	1847	farmer			
Abel Hagans	4	Ben J. Jones	1847	farmer			
Hannah Hagans	---	Elias Barnes	1847	---			
Ben Artis	17 ½	Wiley Morning	1847	---			
Penina Artis	2	Burkett Barnes	1847	---			
Daniel Lucas	20 ¾	Apsella Musgrove	1848	farmer			
Hinton Suggs	14	Robert W. Williams	1848	farmer		Martha George	50 Greene, 70/80/00 Wayne

AYCOCK FAMILY HISTORY (Part 4)

"Fremont, North Carolina Social History, 1859-1918 and Aycock Family History"

Written by Selby A. Daniels
Contributed by Barbara M. Ferrell

[Editor's note: The Aycock family story was begun in the May 2008 issue of *Trees of Wilson* and continued in the June and August issues. Future issues will include additional segments.]

My search into Old Christmas observance was quite rewarding. I reasoned that if my grandparents observed it as my parents told me, then it went back to earlier generations. As my parents on all sides were of English or Anglo-Saxon extraction, I further reasoned it had to be rooted somehow to English history. I was right. It happened this way: The old Julian Calendar was inaccurate, making Easter and other events come later as the years rolled on. Disturbed about this, Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, after long consultations with the best known Italian and German astronomers, decreed that the following year should be shortened by 10 days. England, a Protestant nation always strong on tradition, was the last country to yield, holding out until October 2, 1752, by which time it was 11 days out of step with its neighbors. As North Carolina was then an English Crown Colony, it joined with the Mother Country in adopting the "New Style," leaving Russia as the only important European holdout. Russia did not change until almost two centuries later—during the Bolshevik revolution in 1918. As many ancestors were already settled in North Carolina and in the Fremont area when this occurred, it means they still clung to the old Julian Calendar time as it related to Christmas, and thus it became "Old Christmas" to them and their descendants.

Religion had a profound impact on Fremont area residents from the time of our American Revolution, on through the nineteenth century until the present time. The first religion brought in North Carolina was the Quaker faith; it was also the first region in the Fremont area – in the form of Contentnea Quaker Church, located on old Quaker Road near Contentnea Creek.

Right on the heels of Contentnea Quaker Church came the Primitive Baptists, whose first church in the Fremont area was Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church, founded in 1783 by Reuben Hays (my fourth great-grandfather) which is still in existence in 1986 and is located on Highway 117 at the Black Creek town exit. The minutes of the oldest Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church state that in 1804, Rev. Ruben Hays baptized Jesse Aycock, generally considered to be the common progenitor of nearly all Fremont area Aycocks, and the great-grandfather of Gov. Charles B. Aycock. Gov. Aycock's father Benjamin fell dead from a heart attack one Sunday in August, 1875 at Aycock's Primitive Baptist Church, located just inside the Wayne County line and exactly one mile on the same road where I grew up. Aycock's Church was founded by Jesse Aycock's grandson, Jacob Aycock, a first cousin of Benjamin, the Governor's father.

Primitive Baptists are strongly Calvinistic and ultra-conservative in thought and action. As this was the faith of all my ancestors and those of Gov. Charles B. Aycock, I wish to cover every aspect of it, and try to show how his faith shaped and molded the lives of its member believers in the Aycock family.

In addition to the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and baptism observed by all Baptist denominations, the Primitive Baptists practice "foot washing." This is an occasion, performed outside the church building during summer or warm weather. As each member's feet are washed, and then, in turn, washes another's feet, a body of both men and women sign hymn after hymn.

The Lord's Supper ordinance used real wine (not grape juice) in a single, flared top vessel that is passed around for each participating member to sip, or merely press his lips to touch the wine. My parents taught me how to make this wine which was usually blackberry or scuppernong. Needless to say, I had to gather the fruit first by myself. The request for me to make wine for the church always came from my mother.

Baptism was full immersion by the minister in some convenient shallow pond, creek or other body of water. As during foot washing, hymns were sung by member during this ordinance.

Primitive Baptist hymnals are nothing more than books of poetry, or, the words of the hymns without any musical notes whatever. Somehow the congregation always knew the tunes one from another, blending each hymn with that special Primitive Baptist style of slow-moving, halting, sometimes lilting, singing. It is easy to identify it, and there is no other singing like it in the world. There is absolutely no musical accompaniment whatever, as this is frowned on. When my youngest sister Alice was married in Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church (where she is still a member) my father, who is both a deacon and church clerk, had to obtain permission from his first cousin, Johnny Bardin, who was also a deacon, to have a piano in the church for her wedding. Immediately after the ceremony was over, "Cousin Johnny" insisted my two brothers and I remove the piano, irrespective of the fact we were still dressed in tuxedos. We removed our coats and complied.

Each hymn is always led by a single male voice from among the deacon seats at the front of the church on the right side of the pulpit. Not all men who sat here were deacons, but I never saw a women sit in that section- the women, mostly deacon wives, sat directly opposite the men on the left side at the front, facing the men. Children and the general congregation occupied the main pews facing the minister.

All Primitive Baptist ministers that I have ever heard usually started their sermons in a conversation tone of voice as if he were talking to the congregation. After a few minutes like this, the minister would quite suddenly move his tone to a higher pitch and

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evolve his sermon and voice into a high monotone that continued until he finished. A pitcher of water and glasses were always provided on the pulpit stand for preachers, and they certainly availed themselves of it. Sometimes, as certain preachers who were endowed with excellent voices and lungs, I saw babies wake up and small children jerk with surprise as preachers moved suddenly in these high monotones.

Primitive Baptist preachers were never paid by the congregation on a regular basis. The congregation or members expected their members to be gainfully employed, able to support himself and thus free of church related political encumbrances.

Both Lower Black Creek and Aycock's had a diminishing number of black members who attended while I was growing up. This was a carryover from slavery days and they were treated with the same respect and given a vote voice just as any white member. However, they did sit in a section behind the pulpit separate from us, and I remember fondly the "amens" and other responses they always gave every preacher as he said something that caught their attention.

Primitive Baptist are generally anti-missionary and believe in predestination. My mother reminded me many times as a boy as things came up that "what is to be, will be."

Primitive Baptist do not have church choirs nor do they have Sunday School. I did not attend Sunday School until I married. My wife, already a member of her home Missionary Baptist Church urged me to join it so we could be together on this important matter in our married life. After I joined her church I became very active, attending Sunday School on a regular basis and ultimately became a Sunday School teacher. Personally, I feel I was shortchanged by not having Sunday School as a Primitive Baptist. I really don't believe my parents ever fully understood the whole New Testament store—I just don't see how they could know, because all they ever received came from their preachers in sermon form. Actually, when Primitive Baptist preachers move into their high pitch monotone sermons, some of them get so wound up their stories and messages are oftentimes fragmented and lacking both in continuity and comprehension- even when some portions were oft repeated. All in all, these preachers were wise in the things a sinner needed to know regarding lost souls, salvation, grace, etc. and that is what counted.

Primitive Baptist are unquestionably the warmest, most sincere of all church goers I've ever known. Their feeling and genuine love for each other is abundantly shown in their conversations with each other and in their actions. They address each others as "brother" or "sister" at all times, even to neighbors they have known all their lives. The only exception to this rule are close relatives whose blood relationship titles supercede "brother" and "sister" appellations.

Whenever a Primitive Baptist got sick, word immediately spread throughout the neighborhood and church membership, all these people would come laden with all kinds of foodstuffs offering their services and condolences. Sometimes they would even take over running the patient's household.

Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church was originally organized in the Kehukee Baptist Association and so remained in it until recent years. Kehukee is the oldest Baptist association in North Carolina. Associational meetings were always festive occasions, lasting three days—from Friday through Sunday. "Dinner on the ground" was offered on Sunday, and sometimes it was offered on Saturday too. A battery of out of town preachers held these services each of the three days; each preacher being allowed to preach without time limit for as long as the Holy Spirit guided him. Some spoke only a few minutes; others would go a whole hour; there was no rush or certain time to eat or to stop preaching—hungry kids could just wait, and no food was brought that would spoil from the summer's heat.

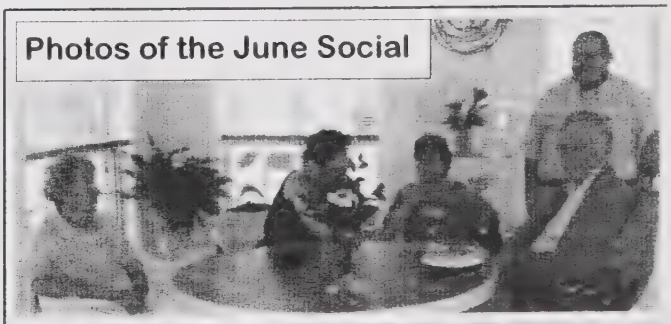
During associational meetings, families of the host church were expected to "put up" out of town visitors, whole families. My own parents would sometimes host as many as three and four whole families and think nothing of it. When this occurred, I knew I had to give up my bed that I shared with a younger brother and sleep on a pallet on the floor—most of the time on the porch floor.

Once, when my children were small, we went for a week end visit with my parents. Being far removed from then and not knowing their plans almost got me in trouble, as I did not remember it was associational meeting week end. They had no room for us in the sprawling big house because they were already entertaining four visitor families. One little girl the same age as my daughter, saw my father approaching them exclaimed "there's Brother Daniels." I watched my daughter as she put her hands on her hips, looked squarely at this little girl and replied, "how can he be your brother when he's my granddaddy?

Quarterly meetings were important, but not as well attended as associational meetings. This is probably true and due in part to the fact that church business was conducted at quarterly meetings.

(To be continued)

Photos of the June Social



U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Harriss, James Binford	4/9/1891	Wilson NC	1/13/1920	766 Parker St., Newark NJ	Son of William James Harriss, b. VA; traveled in Europe in 1912-13; vice-president, P. Lorillard Co., 111-5th Ave., New York NY; planned to visit Greece, Constantinople, Bulgaria, France & Italy on tobacco business; 5'11 ½ ", medium mouth, medium chin, high forehead, brown & gray hair, gray eyes, medium complexion, medium nose, oblong face, chicken pox pits on forehead; identified by Edward H. Finch, tobacconist; photo attached.
Harriss, James Binford	4/8/1891	Wilson NC	9/13/1921	766 Parker St., Newark NJ	Son of William J. Harriss, b. VA; tobacconist; planned to visit Greece, Constantinople, Smyrna, France, Italy, Bulgaria, Switzerland & England as "Turkish tobacco expert " for R.J. Renolds; 5'11 ", regular mouth, oval chin, high forehead, brown & gray hair, gray eyes, medium complexion, medium nose, oblong face; identified by Mrs. D.A. Harriss; photo attached.
Harriss, James Binford	4/8/1891	Wilson NC	7/12/1923	Newark NJ	Son of William J. Harriss; tobacconist; planned to visit Constantinople, Smyrna, British Isles, Italy, Switzerland, Bulgaria & Serbia & "necessary countries en route"; 5'11 ½", regular mouth, oval chin, high forehead, brown & gray hair, gray eyes, medium complexion, medium nose, oblong face; identified by expired passport; photo attached.
Hays, James W.	3/27/1857	Near Hilliardston NC	6/29/1891	Wilson NC	Salesman; 5'8", small mouth, small dimpled chin, broad forehead, medium dark hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, roman nose, long thin face with mustache and sides; identified by G.W. Blount, Wilson NC; no photo.
Hobson, Oneida Wilson	10/3/1899	Wilson NC	11/18/1920	Mount Clemens MI	Daughter of Arthur Hobson, b. London, England; actress; planned to visit Cuba on professional business (traveling with the Santos Artisgas [sic] Circus, 1920-21 season); 5'2", medium mouth, round chin, medium forehead, light brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, regular nose, oval face; identified by Colonel Weaver, "theater business," New Orleans LA.
Horne, Ida Harrell	7/23/1855	Near Wilson NC	8/29/1924	341 Summitt Ave., Leonia NJ	Widow of Hardee Horne, Clayton NC; planned to visit Great Britain (including Ireland), France, Spain, Italy & Greece, leaving NYC on the *California*; 5'1 ½", small mouth with thin lips, rather prominent chin, high forehead, black hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, fairly straight nose, round face, plump, heavy eyebrows; identified by Harrell Woolfolk, 150 W. 44th St., New York NY; photo attached.
Hughes, John Pendleton	2/3/1893	Danville VA	3/8/1920	Wilson NC	Son of George S. Hughes, b. VA; tobacconist; planned to visit United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Holland & Switzerland, leaving NYC on the *Carmania*; 6', medium mouth, normal chin, high forehead, gray hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, large nose, round face; identified by W.S.O'B. Robinson, Ex-Judge, Superior Court, Goldsboro NC; photo attached.

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Lawrence, Frank	6/18/1860	Wilson NC	7/30/1891	Saint Louis MO (Hotel Metropole, London)	Permanent residence in St. Louis MO, temporary residence in London; manufacturing; planned to travel on continent; 5'7 ½", moustache, round chin, high forehead, dark brown hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, large nose, round face; no photo.
Lawrence, Frank	6/18/1860	Wilson NC	1/10/1898	Saint Louis MO	Merchant; 5'8", proportionate mouth, oval chin, high forehead, brown hair & eyes, fair complexion, medium nose, oval face; identified by S.W. Hamilton; no photo.
Lea, Frank Wright	8/14/1881	Danville VA	5/1/1924	Wilson NC	Son of John G. Lea, b. Caswell County NC; tobacconist; planned to visit England, France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands & Norway on commercial business, leaving NYC on the *Aquitania*; 5'10 ½", straight firm mouth, round chin, high forehead, brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, nose wide at base, round face; identified by L.J. Smith, MD, health officer; photo attached.
Lea, Thomas Lewis	7/28/1881	Caswell County NC	4/24/1919	Wilson NC	Son of Thomas Lewis Lea; tobacconist; planned to visit England, France, Belgium on commercial business; 6', medium mouth, pointed chin, high forehead, light brown hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion, straight nose, round face; identified by T. Jeff Bass, Danville VA; photo attached.
Lucas, Eva	9/9/1893	Lucama NC	3/8/1922	Lucama NC	Daughter of L.F. Lucas, b. NC; public school teacher; planned to visit Italy, Germany & occupied territories, Switzerland, Austria, Holland, Belgium, France & England, leaving NYC on the *Hudson*; 5'5 ¼", medium mouth, full-round chin, high forehead, dark brown hair, black eyes, dark complexion, straight nose, full face; identified by W.A. Lucas, attorney.
Lucas, William A.	2/11/1881	Lucama NC	1/2/1925	Wilson NC	Son of LaFayette F. Lucas, Wilson County NC; lawyer; planned to visit England & British Isles, Italy, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Switzerland & Hungary for business and pleasure, leaving from NYC on the *Majestic*; 5'10 ½", large mouth, medium chin, high forehead, partly bald, brown eyes, dark ruddy complexion, retrousee nose, round face; identified by Sophie P. Russell, secretary to US District Judge; photo attached.
Melton, A. Frances	5/16/1901	Wilson NC	6/22/1922	3615 Macomb Street, Washington DC	Daughter of Rev. B.H. Melton, b. NC; planned to visit British Isles, Spain, France, Italy, Egypt, Constantinople, Greece, Germany, Switzerland, Jerusalem, Algeria & Portugal; 5'4 ¾", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, brown hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, normal nose, oval face; identified by B.H. Melton; photo attached.
Morton, Clement Manly	2/15/1884	Carteret County NC	8/26/1916	Wilson NC	Application for self and wife; Christian minister; planned to visit Argentina for missionary work, leaving NYC on the *Vaulian*; 6'1", little mouth, receding chin, medium forehead, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, long nose, medium face; identified by E.J. Barnes; unnamed wife born 4/12/1886 in Mitchell County KS; Christian Women's Board of Missionaries certified Morton as a missionary assigned to Buenos Aires; photos of both attached.

JOSHUA JORDAN

Hugh B. Johnston Files

Joshua Jordan, son of Cornelius Jordan, Sr., resided in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. On May 24, 1780, the County Court appointed him to collect the taxes in his district. On September 21, 1780, the will of Henry (X) Flowers of Nash County named wife Nancy Flowers and devised to daughter Edy Jordan one slave and two cows with calves.[1] On October 28, 1782, Governor Alexander Martin granted to Joshua Jordan 20 acres in Edgecombe County north of Contentnea Creek, west of Great Swamp and bounded by the County Line, Lemuel Wright and Cornelius Jordan; also 10 acres on the County Line adjoining John Hedgepeth and Cornelius Jordan; also 10 acres on the County Line adjoining John Hedgepeth and Cornelius Jordan.[2]

The Edgecombe County Court appointed him on a road commission on August 1, 1785, and on August 9, 1786; a road overseer on April 24, 1787. In the Edgecombe County Census of 1790 he was listed with three males over sixteen, three males under sixteen, four females and four slaves.

Joshua Jordan signed his will on March 30, 1791, and it was probated on November 28, 1791: (1) wife Edey Jordan, the manor plantation, 2 horses, saddle, 3 cows and calves, 2 steers, 3 sows with pigs, 10 hogs, 5 sheep, bed and furnishings, 3 dishes, 3 basins, 3 plates, 6 spoons; (2) son Jesse Jordan, reversion in property left to his mother; (3) son Stephen Jordan, land in Nash County and one slave; (4) son Cornelius Jordan, feather bed and furnishings, cow with calf, cow with yearling, sow with pigs, small axe, shot gun; (5) son Henry Jordan, bridle, saddle, 4 sheep, bed and furnishings, new axe, sow with 5 pigs; (6) son Joshua Jordan, feather bed and furnishings, 5 guineas to buy a horse, 2 cows with yearlings, 4 sheep, 2 sows, 11 pigs, riding saddle, axe, musket; (7) daughter Edey Jordan, feather bed and furnishings, 2 heifers; (8) daughter Elizabeth Jordan, 2 heifers, balance of silver money to buy her a bed; (9) executors Thomas Saunders, Sr., and Charles Coleman; (10) witnesses John (X) Hedgepeth, Arthur (X) Hedgepeth and Jethro Harrison.[3]

On January 31, 1792, the personal property of the late Joshua Jordan was sold at auction and purchases were made by Edey Jordan, Henry Jordan, Joshua Jordan and others. On November 27, 1792, Edey Jordan was appointed guardian of Stephen, Jesse, Edey and Elizabeth Jordan. In the Edgecombe County Census of 1800 she was over forty-five and was listed with two males 10-16, one female 16-26, and seven slaves. In the Census of 1810, Farmer's District, she had two sons 16-26, one daughter 26-45, and eleven slaves. In the Census of 1830 he was aged 70-80 and owned 16 slaves.

On March 19, 1835, the property of the late Edith Jordan was sold by executor Bartley Deans.[4] Edith Jordan made her will in Edgecombe County on September 11, 1833, and it was probated in November Court, 1835: (1) grandson Josiah Jordan, 4 slaves; (2) grandson David Jordan, 3 slaves; (3) grandson Jesse Jordan, 2 slaves; (4) great-granddaughter Sarah Deans, daughter of Bartley and Elizabeth Deans, Jr., 2 slaves, bed and furnishings, 4 chairs; (5) residue of estate to grandchildren equally; (6) executor Bartley Deans; (7) witnesses William Hayes and John Grice.[5]

On January 25, 1836, Henry (H) Jordan, Joshua (J) Jordan, William Barnes, David Jordan and Jesse Jordan of Edgecombe County and Bartlet Deans and wife Elizabeth Jordan (X) Deans of Nash County sold William Hanes of Nash County for $276.60 three tracts of land: 10 acres bounded by the County Line and Bennett Bullock; 20 acres bounded by the County Line and the Swamp; and 288 acres south of Great Swamp adjoining Bennett Bullock; witnessed by Bennett B. Bullock and Josiah Jordan.[6]

Children of Joshua and Edith Flowers Jordan

1. Jesse Jordan married Sally, died in 1817 in Edge combe County. Sally's will, made May 1, 1830, probated in August Court, 1830, named sons David and Jesse, and daughter Elizabeth (married Bartley Deans, Jr. of Nash County, on October 21, 1831.[7]
2. Stephen Jordan
3. Cornelius Jordan, married Mary "Polly" Daniel, daughter of Lemuel and Anna Daniel, lived north of Contentnea Creek, made his will on July 4, 1854, probated in August Court 1854.[8]
   a. James Jordan married Temperance "Tempy" Daniel, daughter of Asa and Judith Daniel.
   b. Josiah Jordan married Mary Barnes.
   c. Thomas Jordan
   d. Cornelius Jordan
   e. Martha Ann Jordan married Blake Williford March 17, 1857, moved to Texas.
4. Henry Jordan married Polly, made his will October 7, 1836, probated in November Court 1837.[9]
   a. Rhoda
   b. Elizabeth "Betsy" married Isaac Strickland on No vember 6, 1828.
   c. Sally married John Coleman on February 6, 1826.
   d. Josiah Jordan married Elizabeth Jordan on Sep tember 15, 1840.
5. Joshua Jordan married Agnes "Aggy" Turner, daughter of Isaac Turner, Jr., and wife Christian Barnes. (More in a future issue of *Trees of Wilson.*)
6. Edith Jordan was born on May 27, 1775, and died on May 28, 1849. In 1797 she married Jesse Barnes, son of Dempsey and Sarah Barnes.
7. Elizabeth Jordan

Notes:

1. Will Book 1, p. 74
2. Deed Book 41, p. 328; Deed Book E, p. 302
3. Will Book C, p. 175
4. Inventories, 1830-1836, pp. 486/490
5. Will Book F, p.
6. Deed Book 21, p. 455
7. Will Book 1, p. 370
8. Will Book G, p. 83
9. Will Book F, p. 210

MINUTES

The WCGS Board met on September 4, 2008.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the coming year.

There was a plea made for assistance with the indexing of the *Wilson County's Founding Families* book. Henry Powell continues to have health problems which take a great deal of Sue's time and energy, leaving her with very little time to work on the completion of the book. It was agreed that we will ask for help by Wanda making a statement in the president's message in the next issue of *Trees of Wilson*. Sue continues to work on the book in her available time but would appreciate help from other WCGS members to type data for the index. She shared that she has added some pictures to the book of the first courthouse and the earliest churches.

There was a discussion of the programs for next year. Several topics and speakers are of interest, and the speakers need to be contacted for availability.

The National Genealogical Society Conference will be in Raleigh next May. We still need more information about the reception for the local genealogical societies before making a decision about our representation. Sue will follow up with the organizer.

Carol Forbes made a request for help in looking up answers to questions submitted to the e-group.

It was suggested to give to Wilson County Public Library a subscription to the magazine *Discovering Family History,* hoping that it will be of interest and help to new researchers.

We will offer the fall membership special as we have done in the past several years. New members who join this fall will receive the issues of *Trees of Wilson* for the remainder of 2008 and all issues for 2009.

We will have another clearance sale of our surplus book inventory. The *Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1870* and *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Volume III* will be reduced to $22.50, and *They Moved Away* will be reduced to $10.00. Now is the time to add these books to your home library or to replace your books which are becoming worn. Sale ends Dec. 31, 2008.

Due to increasing shipping charges, it has become necessary to increase our postage and handling charge to $5.00 per book.

Frances Roberson

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given amount of time. Will you consider contributing some of your time? Call Sue at 237-1250 to set up a time to type. Thanks to you who have helped and to those of you who have committed to help.

Thank you so much for your understanding and patience! *Founding Families* is well worth the wait! I know you will be very pleased!

Thank you, Sue and Henry, for your dedication to preserving Wilson County history and for all the work you do and have done for the Society. It would not be what it is today without your determination.

Wanda Lamm Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Fall Specials:**

Membership—New members joining now through November receive remaining issues of *Trees of Wilson* for 2008 and all issues of 2009.

Book Sale—ends December 31, 2008

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870—**$22.50** plus tax and shipping

Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Volume III—**$22.50** plus tax and shipping

They Moved Away—**$10.00** plus tax and shipping

• WCGS has found it necessary to increase the postage and handling charge for shipped orders to $5.00 per book, and $5.00 for 1-4 maps.

• **Workshops and Programs:**

"Finding Your Patriot Ancestor," Saturday, **Sept. 27, 2008**, 9:30-12, Braswell Memorial Library, Warner Meeting Room, presented by Timothy Rackley.

Wilson County Historical Association presents Dr. Fitzhugh Brundage, Hardy Hall, Barton College, who will talk on the American South and his recent book, *The Southern Past: A Clash of Race and Memory.*

"Finding Your Confederate Ancestors," Saturday, **Oct. 25, 2008,** 1-4 pm, Braswell Memorial Library, Kornegay Local History Room, presented by the Bethel Heroes Chapter, UDC.

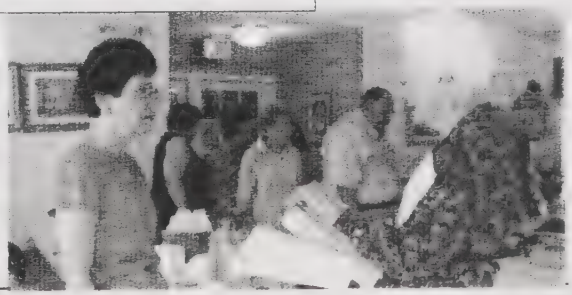
• *Hanes Cymry America,* originally published in 1872 in America in Welsh to tell immigrants about Welsh settlements all over the country, translated by Martha Davies, will be available October 1, 2008. The author, a minister who traveled widely and had friends in many places, included hundreds of names of settlers in various places and described their homes, farms and businesses. He told of all the Welsh churches in the country at that time and discussed the terrain and prices of land available in various states. $29.95 plus shipping. Orders received before October 1, 2008, will have free shipping. Send check or money order to GPWHP, PO Box 253, Wymore, NE 68466-0253.

• The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West, National Genealogical Society ~ Conference in the States 2009, Raleigh, North Carolina, in the new Raleigh Convention Center on **May 13-16, 2009**.

The conference will feature many nationally-known speakers, and the exhibit hall will be filled with vendors sharing the latest products for genealogists.

Watch the NGS website (http://www/ngsgenealogy.org) for more information about the conference and NGS 2009 blog (http://www.ncgenealogy.org/blogs/ngs2009/).

Photo of the June Social



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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1880.	$40.00
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Maps

___ Wilson County Historical Map	$5.00
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___ 2007 WCGS Calendar (Lucama)	$5.00
___ 2008 WCGS Calendar (family photographs)	$10.00

Payment and shipping: Shipping cost for each book is $5.00 ($10.00 for *Wilson County Marriages,* a set of two books). Shipping cost for maps is $5.00 for 1-4 items. Add 6.75% sales tax for NC residents on merchandise total (not on shipping).

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President's Message

Hello, Everyone,

You have read books and seen movies about time travel. How many times have you wished you could do that? Do you have an ancestor you would love to just sit down with and have a conversation? Let's say you could pick only one, who would it be? I think I would pick my paternal grandfather. He died when I was eleven, long before I ever knew I would be interested in doing genealogy. I can only imagine the stories he could tell me. Choosing only one person is hard; I would also love to talk to my maternal Grandpa. There again it was seven years after his death that I became interested in genealogy. Missed that one too. He could have filled in the roadblocks I have on that side of the family. Wouldn't it be fantastic to hear your chosen ancestor tell the family stories, customs and traditions, the events that shaped their lives and by extension ours.

It is so important to do your interviews now! Don't wait until it is too late. Go visit any older family member or family friends. Ask your questions. Let them start talking, and they will remember all sorts of things. Family reunions are perfect places to talk to relatives. Make notes; take videos of them telling their stories. I did get a chance to talk with and interview my Grandmother. Thankfully, I took a video and wrote down the things she told me.

Encourage your younger family members to get interested in genealogy. Let them interview you. It will mean a lot to them years from now.

Wanda Lamm Taylor

OCTOBER 28TH MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our regular meeting on October 28th in the Assembly Room.

Fire Captain Otis Daughtridge of the Wilson Fire/Rescue Services will speak to us on the history of the Wilson Fire Department, focusing on the early years and touching on the present. He began researching the history of the department when plans began for its sesquicentennial celebration on April 20, 2008.

The election of officers will be held at the October meeting. The following nominees for officers for the upcoming year were presented at the September meeting:

President: Wanda Lamm Taylor
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The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer will be elected for a one year term. The president and vice president can serve no more than two consecutive terms. The board member is elected for a three year term. Jane Poston and Jerry Stancil are currently serving continuing terms as board members.

November 25th Meeting: Annual Reports, Installation of Officers, Social

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. We include here two of his recipes and will conclude the series in November *Trees*.

Life Restoring Drops

To make one pint, take 4, table spoonfuls lobelia brown, one tablespoonful cayahn pepper put them in a pint bottle, then poar one pint of number six to it shake the bottle one time aday for 3 or 4 days, then let it settle. You can use it when you get ready, but when you get ready to use them you poar out about one half of them in another bottle then add 2 common sized vials one of essence of pepperment and the other the essence of cinnamon, shake them well together and then it is ready for use. Directions, give a half teaspoonful at a dose in two or three swallows of water, after it is swallowed give a lump of sugar in the mouth to prevent the burning so bad. This is good for cramp colic, fits, lock jaw, palpitation of the heart, Maddog bites snake bites or any deadly attact, or stopage of the blood or enternal pains.

For Soar Throats And All Manner Of Soars

Take one pint venegar and one pound brown sugar and a juice bees wax as large as your thumb to the joint and a piece of alum nearly as large one half burn't and the other raw,, three tablespoonfuls of beef foot oil simper them to gather, when taken inwardly tak a teaspoonful at a dose every two or three hours until relief it will not hurt to eat it oftener if the throat is very soar.

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WILLIAM H. SKINNER WILL

Wilson County Will Book 1, page 61 and 62, file #692

Contributed by Harriet Moore Page

State of North Carolina
Wilson County September the 8th 1860

I, William H. Skinner of the county & State aforesaid being weak in body but of sound mind & memory doth make publish & declare this Instrument to be my last will & Testament – revoking all others by me made. I lend unto my beloved wife Rebecca Skinner my Plantation, including both sides of the Swamp, whereon I now live estimated to be 423 acres more or less Also the following Slaves & two children Randel & Judy a boy Peter a slave, a boy a slave Jo four head of horses fifty head hogs her choice one yoke of oxen two milk cows one waggan & gear one cart & wheels farming implements sufficient for the farm one Brandy Still & and all the casks all my household & kitchen furniture, one hundred Bbls corn twelve Stacks fodder Thirty Seven hundred & fifty pounds of Pork three barrels of flour twenty Gallans of Molasses twenty pounds sugar forty pounds of coffee 2/3 of a barrel of Lard four pounds pepper two pounds Spice five pounds wool Seventy five bushels of Potatoes one buggy & harness 4 sacks Salt 15 bushels peas 10 bushels seed oats all of the above named property I lend to my wife Rebecca during her natural life or widowhood My desire is that my piney woods tract of land adjoining Holaway Etheredge & other be sold to the highest bidder & a Negro Girl Matilda & all the balance of my Property of every kind that is not disposed of & the proceeds after paying all my debts to be equally divided between Thomas H. Skinner Mary Ann Harrell, Jane Skinner, Lisha Skinner, Wm Ann Skinner, Florence Skinner Della Skinner & Martha Bass's heirs And at the death of my wife Rebecca all the land which I have lent to her be equally Divided between Jesse L Skinner & Van Buren Skinner, And the Slaves which I have lent to my wife be sold & the proceeds equally divided between Thomas H. Skinner Mary Ann Harrel Jane Skinner Lisha Skinner & Wm Ann Skinner Florence Skinner Della Skinner & & the heirs of Martha Bass & the balance of the property which I lent to my wife to be sold & the proceeds equally divided as the Item above And I appoint Thos H Skinner agent for Martha Bass heirs to & act as he may think for them & to use any of their property if necessity requires it in the support of their Mother Martha Bass and I appoint my Son Thos H Skinner my Executor

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal the day & date above written

Wm. H. Skinner

In the presence of
Jno G Williams
Josephus Braddy

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Will of Wm H. Skinner Decd admitted to probate at October Term AD 1860 of the County Court.

T C Davis, Clk

DIED.

On the 11th inst. at Yankee Hall, in Pitt County, Mr. Samuel Ralston, a native of Ireland, and for many years a merchant of that place.

Tarboro Newspaper, February 27, 1829

WILLIAM H. SKINNER FAMILY INFORMATION

William Skinner was bonded to marry Rebecca Gill on February 17, 1829, in Edgecombe County. Silas Ward was the bondsman and MI. Hearn was the witness. Their marriage on February 19th was announced in the Tarboro, North Carolina, newspaper on February 27, 1829.

MARRIED,

In this County on the 19th inst. by Joab P. Pitt, Esq. Mr. *William Skinner* to Miss *Rebecca Guill.*

The 1850 Edgecombe County census included the household of W. H. Skinner, 42, farmer, $1250 real property, attended school; Becky, 38; Thos., 21; Marga, 18; Martha, 16; Jesse, 14; Jane, 11; Van B., 8; Elisha, 6; Wm. Ann, 3; and Florince, 8 months. All were born in North Carolina.

In 1860, William Skinner, 57, farmer, real estate valued at $6,290, personal property valued at $5,765; and his wife Rebecca, 47; lived in Joyners and Gardners District of Wilson County. Living with them were Thomas, 30; Jesse, 21; Jane, 18; Vanburen, 16; Felilia [Elisha?], 14; William A., 10; Florence, 8; and Deliah, 6.

These may have been the marriage records for some of the Skinner children.

William Harrell was issued a license to marry Mary Ann Skinner on March 30, 1854, in Edgecombe County.

Mordica Bass was issued a license to marry Martha Ann Skinner on December 18, 1856, in Wilson County.

Thomas H. Skinner married Elizabeth Barnes on November 27, 1866.

Jesse Skinner, son of William and Rebecca Skinner, married Fanny A. Thorne, daughter of Redmond and Martha Thorne, on February 18, 1869, at the home of Martha Thorne.

M. V. Barnes, son of D. W. and Elizabeth Barnes, married William Ann Skinner, daughter of Wm. S. and Rebecca Skinner, on March 18, 1869, at the home of Rebecca Skinner.

Henry H. Moore, 22, Edgecombe County resident, married Florence Skinner, 25, Wilson County resident, on February 18, 1873, at the home of M. V. Barnes. Jesse A. Moore was one of the witnesses.

In 1860, Mordecai Bass, 34, farmer; and Martha, 25; lived in Joyners and Gardners District of Wilson County. Willie A., 2; and Savanah A., 5 months; lived with them.

In 1870, Mordica Bass, 52, farmer; and Martha, 36; lived in Joyners and Gardners District of Wilson County. Living with them were Wm. Ann, 12; Savanah, 10; Nancy, 8; Louisa, 5; and Bettie, 1.

Thomas Skinner, 40, farmer; and Elizabeth, 29; lived four households away in 1870. Living with them were Sarah, 2; and William, 1.

Mary Harrell, 38, lived next to Thomas and Elizabeth in 1870. Living with her were Thomas, 12, farm laborer; William, 10; and Emily, 14.

Jesse Skinner, 38, farmer; Fanny, 28; and Van Buren, age 7 months; lived three households from Mary Harrell in 1870.

Martin Barnes, 22, farmer; and Wm. Ann, 20; lived four households from Jesse and Fanny Skinner in 1870. Living with them were Wm. David Barnes, 1 month; and Florence Skinner, 19.

Henry Haywood Moore was born December 10, 1850, in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, on a small farm located on Old Wilson Road, Rocky Mount. A lifetime farmer, he died January 8, 1922, and is buried in the Town Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Wilson County.

He married Florence Rebecca Skinner, who was born in what is now Wilson County, and, at her request, was buried on her father's land. To reach the family burial ground go out Highway 42, turn left on Cattail Road, go 2.1 miles, the plot is on the left in trees.

Henry and Florence had five children:

1. William Clarence Moore married Etta Rose King.
2. John Henry Moore married Eva Epps. He was a Road Master for the Atlantic Coastline Railroad and lived in Rocky Mount.
3. Cora Bell Moore married John Boswell, a house painter.
4. Lee Lionel Moore married Martha Kane from Scotland and Jean Murdock from Canada. He was in the textile business.
5. Walter Price Moore, born in Sumpter, South Carolina, August 26, 1885- February 10, 1951, married on July 30, 1907, to Winnie Belle Daughtridge, May 8, 1884-October 9, 1955, daughter of Joseph Henry and Charity Boone Daughtridge. He was a house painter.

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WALTER MARION EVERTON JOURNAL
Contributed by Naomi Everton Christenson

Oct. 9, 1896

Friday. After breakfast we started for Wilson City. As it was Circus day everybody in the county went into the city, and the city was full. Got in in time to see the Parade. Went to Mrs. Herold's and got dinner. She went to the show and Elder Priday stayed with the house while she was gone. She came home late so we stayed there all night.

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

Pearsy Strickland	5	William H. Ward	1848	spinster			50/60 Wayne
Maria Mundy	7	John G. Barnes	1848	---	Elizabeth Mundy		50 Wayne
Stephen Mundy	3	John G. Barnes	1848	---	Elizabeth Mundy		50 Wayne
Julian Artis	6 ½	Isaac Aycock	1849	---			50 Wayne
Rob Artis	14	Henry Martin	1849	---			
Tilmon H. Wheeler	14 ½	Matthew Albritton	1849	coach maker			50 Wayne
Sarah A. Jones	4	Bardin Jones	1849	farmer	Eliza Jane Jones		60 Wayne
Penninah Jones	2 5/12	Bardin Jones	1849	farmer	Eliza Jane Jones		60 Wayne
Wiley Jones	8 mo.	Bardin Jones	1849	farmer	Eliza Jane Jones		60 Wayne
Wright Mitchell	5	James Yelverton	1849	farmer			60 Wayne
Ann M.E. Locus	2	Lemuel H. Taylor	1849	farmer			
Bryan Carroll	3	Grafton Langston	1849	farmer	Susan Carroll		50/60 Wayne
Julia Artis	5	William J. Exum	1850	---			50 Wayne
Rhoda Artis	13	William J. Exum	1850	farmer			50 Wayne
Alfred Artis	16	William J. Exum	1850	---			50/60 Wayne
Ruben Artis	7	William J. Exum	1850	---			50 Wayne
Windsor Wilkins[on]	1 ½	Lemuel Fields	1850	carpenter			50 Wayne
John Hagans	---	John Robinson	1850	---	(alias Mundy/Munden)		50 Wayne
William Hagans	---	John Robinson	1850	---	(alias Mundy/Munden)		50 Wayne
Benja Ann Hall	18	Jesse Coleman	1850	farmer	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Benjamin Reid	50 Wayne
Samuel Hall	20	Jesse Coleman	1850	farmer	Nancy Hall & Sherard Hagans	Eliza _____, Lucresy Smith	50 Wayne
Jack Artis	14	William J. Exum	1850	farmer			50 Wayne
Malvina Bass	2	Lemuel Taylor	1850	farmer	Catherine Bass, white		50/60 Wayne
Delpha Bass	9	Lemuel Taylor	1850	farmer	Catherine Bass, white	William Rowe	50 Wayne
Nathan Sasser	3	Tho's W. Kennedy	1851	farmer	Penny Sasser (white?)		50 Wayne
Diana Carroll	5	Thomas Kennedy	1851	spinster			50/60 Wayne
Eliza Carroll	7	Thomas Kennedy	1851	spinster			50/60 Wayne
Nathan Howell	3	Walter Kennedy	1851	farmer			
Sam Hall	4	James Yelverton	1851	farmer	Lucy Hall		50 Wayne
Nicey C[aroline]. Hall	15	James Yelverton	1851	spinster	Lucy Hall	Wyatt Lynch[6]	50 Wayne, 60/70/80/00 Wilson
Esther Hall	7	James Yelverton	1851	spinster	Lucy Hall		50 Wayne

[6] Married in Wilson County NC.

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

George Hall	19	James Yelverton	1851	farmer	Lucy Hall		50 Wayne
Margaret Hall	12	Burden T. Aycock	1851	spinster		Duncan Artis	
Leonard Hall	1	Burden T. Aycock	1851	farmer			
Jesse Hall	6	Burden T. Aycock	1851	farmer			
Furney Hall	4	Burden T. Aycock	1851	farmer			
Clarky Artis	10	Richard A. Baker	1851	spinster			50 Wayne
Frances Artis	2	Isaac Aycock	1851	---			60 Wayne
Lafayette Artis	6	Daniel A. Powell	1851	---	Mahala Artis?		50/60 Wayne
Clarky Artis	---	Stephen Morris	1851	---			
Edward J. Winn	13	Washington Winn	1852	farmer	Gray Winn & Sarah Greenfield	Eliza Smith; Susan Henderson	50/60/70/80/00
Elizabeth Winn	15	Washington Winn	1852	spinster	Gray Winn & Sarah Greenfield	Bryant Simmons	50/60/70/80/00
Washington Winn jr.	3	Washington Winn	1852	farmer	Gray Winn & Sarah Greenfield	Hepsey Henderson; Alice _____	50/60/70/80/00
Caroline Whiter	9	Needham Worters	1852	spinster	(alias Morgan) Nancy Morgan alias Whitehurst	Willis Carroll	50/60 Wayne, 70 Lenoir
Nero Whiter	11 ¼	John Wooten	1852	---	(alias Morgan) Nancy Morgan alias Whitehurst	Sarah _____	50/60 Wayne, 80 Wayne
Gaston Whiter	8	John Wooten	1852	---	(alias Morgan) Nancy Morgan alias Whitehurst		50/60 Wayne
Dinah Whiter	4	Needham Worters	1852	spinster	(alias Morgan) Nancy Morgan alias Whitehurst		50/60 Wayne
Amos Whiter	6	Needham Worters	1852	farmer	(alias Morgan) Nancy Morgan alias Whitehurst		50/60 Wayne
Joseph J. Wadkins	4	Eli H. Crocker	1852	farmer	Angeline Wadkins, white (alias Joseph J. Crocker after mother's marriage)	Celia Forte	60/70/80 Wayne
Maria Mundy	12	John G. Barnes	1852	spinster	Elizabeth Mundy, white		50 Wayne
Stephen Mundy [Munden]	7	John G. Barnes	1852	farmer	Elizabeth Mundy, white		60 Wayne
Furney Hatcher	9	James S. Lane	1852	farmer	Charity Hatcher		50 Wayne
Calvin Carroll	3	Sarah Smith	1852	farmer	Susan Carroll		60 Wayne
John Gray Toler	6	Ollin C. Sasser	1852	farmer	(alias John Marshall Toler) Eliza Toler, white		50/60 Wayne
Sherard Hagans	14	Probate Smith	1852		Eli Hagans		50 Wayne
Sarah Carroll	3 mo.	Sarah Smith	1852	spinster	Susan Carroll		
Hinton Suggs	18	Charles J. Nelson	1852	---		Martha George	50 Greene, 70/80/00

AYCOCK FAMILY HISTORY (Part 4)
"Fremont, North Carolina Social History, 1859-1918 and Aycock Family History"
Written by Selby A. Daniels
Contributed by Barbara M. Ferrell

[Editor's note: The Aycock family story was begun in the May 2008 issue of *Trees of Wilson* and continued in the subsequent issues. Future issues will include additional segments.]

As a young child I had a little difficulty understanding the difference between "church" and "meeting house." There is no difference of course, but my grandparents and their generation nearly always called it "meeting house." No doubt the term came from the strong influence of their Quaker neighbors. I was perhaps a little different from my peers of the same age, as I enjoyed listening to old people tell about the Civil War and Reconstruction. By age twelve, I was doing this on a regular basis with several oldsters, and, in particular, my grandmother's oldest sister, Mary Aycock Davis. I was encouraged in this effort by my mother who was the one person in my life that instilled in me at a very early age an appreciation and love for genealogy, history and poetry. She wrote her own poetry, often reciting all of it to me. Her knowledge and interest in genealogy went far beyond the norm in a mother-son relationship in this matter as she unceasingly imparted this to me. During one of my many "listening sessions" with my great-aunt Mary Aycock Davis, she kept referring to the "meeting house." When I asked her what meeting house she was referring to, she exclaimed, "why the Baptist Meeting House called Aycock's."

One of the many colloquialisms used by my mother (and by most of the Aycocks) was "How be you?", "be you tired?", "be you going to church?", etc., where the verb preceded the pronoun. I learned she inherited these expressions from her parents. My father did not use these same colloquialisms, instead, I have always been fascinated by his pronunciation of works like "settle," "battle" and "kettle," where he accents each of these words with the primary syllable. I discovered this identical pronunciation among some residents of extreme northeastern North Carolina and, during World War II while in England I discovered it to be regional there. Another type of pronunciation my father uses is "laig" for leg, "aig" for egg, that came came his mother and the (Hayes family of Wilson County, Black Creek, N. C.) just across Wayne County line.

As a boy I frequently heard satirical jokes and puns told by both my peers and elders about the use of corn cobs as a toilet item. Some farmers I knew actually carried cobs in a narrow, long shaped pocket located on the lower right leg of overalls, and were thus fully prepared "when nature called." Hence the origin of the old saying, "I'm tired of carrying cobs for you." The implications clearly being that no longer should a person be treated as a child, as he was considered to be old enough to carry his own weight.

Sickness and diseases were often treated with home remedies. Only when these home remedies failed and the patient become critically ill did the caretakers contact a local doctor. Untrained in sanitation, typhoid and malarial fever still claimed young victims among farm families in our neighborhood. A favorite home remedy for fever was a poultice made of mustard plaster placed over the entire chest area. I personally experienced this kind of poultice many times. It almost defies description. When first applied it felt like a branding iron being held on my chest with weight behind it; followed by such a searing, burning sensation that I imagined it would take by breath away. My mother totally ignored my please to remove the poultice, doing so only after she determined it had done its job. I always recovered quickly.

Once as boy I visited with a first cousin who invited me to go with him to transmit a message to a farm tenant who was ill. We found the tenant stretched out on a cot on the porch, and he appeared gravely ill, with sudden coughing seizures. When I asked the man what kind of sickness he had, replied, "galloping consumption." I accepted what he said although I did not then understand. He died not long after, at which time I heard he died of tuberculosis.

During the Civil War Calvin and Cherry Aycock, my great-grand parents, both died a week apart from small pox. People so feared this dreaded disease that no relatives, friends or neighbors came to the funeral. My grandfather Gary Frank was a young teenager, the funeral job fell on him and his two younger brothers.

Castor oil was unquestionably the most despised of medicines. My feeling about castor oil as a child was that I would much prefer to stay sick if the choice was left up to me.

The following is a list of nursery rhymes quoted by my parents and popular in the community:

1. BAA! BAA! BLACK SHEEP
2. HEY, DIDDLE, DIDDLE
3. HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK
4. LITTLE JACK HORNER
5. SEE-SAW, MARGERY DAW
6. LITTLE BO-PEEP
7. LITTLE MISS MUFFET
8. TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR (My mother could say this in Latin also)

Three lullaby songs my mother sang were:

1. "COME LITTLE LEAVES SAID THE WIND ONE DAY,
   COME O'ER THE MEADOW AND WE WILL PLAY.
   PUT ON YOU COATS OF RED AND GOLD,
   FOR WINTER HAS COME WITH ITS ICE AND COLD."

2. "BAY OF BYE A-BUNTING
   PAPPA'S GONE A-HUNTING
   TO GET A LITTLE RABBIT SKIN
   TO PUT BABY BUNTING IN."

3. "ROCK A BYE BABY IN THE TREE TOP

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(Aycock Family History, continued from page 102)

WHEN THE WIND BLOWS THE CRADLE WILL
ROCK, WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS, THE
CRADLE WILL FALL: DOWN WILL COME BABY-
CRADLE AND ALL."

One Negro song handed down to my mother, and one that I can still sing goes:

"CURLY HEADED PICKANNINNY
COMIN' HOME SO SOON?
CRYIN' CAUSE HIS LITTLE HEART AM BROKE
NOW HONEY, DON'T YOU MIND
WHAT DEM WHITE FOLKS SAID,
JUST STAY IN YO' OWN BACK YARD."

When things were not going just right for me, my mother reminded me of my many blessings with this little verse:

"ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEATIFUL,
ALL CREATERS GREAT AND SMALL.
ALL THINGS WIDE AND WONDERFUL,
THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL."

A beggar's song my mother sang seems to have an unknown origin- at least I do not know its origin:

"ANY RAGS, ANY BOTTLES TODAY?"

A children's doggerel quoted by them as far back as I can remember:

"EENY, MEEMY, MINEY, MO
CATCH A NIGGER BY HIS TOES
IF HE HOLLERS, LET HIM GO.
EENY, MEENY, MINEY MO."

A folksong very popular in Fremont area after the Civil War that my mother said she sang to her father when he came home late was

"OLD DAN TUCKER
YOU CAME TOO LATE TO GET YOUR SUPPER."

I seriously doubt if my mother ever knew this was the only original North Carolina song among her repertoire; that it was a true story about a man from Randolph County by the same name who had a son named Walter.

Another popular rural folksong sung by members of my family and others in the community was

"Possum up the persimmon tree
Raccoon on the ground
Raccoon said to the "possum
Shake me some persimmons down."

A doggerel quoted by adults as well as by children around Fremont as this:

"DAN, DAN WAS A VERY FUNNY MAN,
HE WASHED HIS FACE IN THE FRYING PAN.
HE COMBED HIS HAIR WITH A WAGON WHEEL,
AND DIED WITH THE TOOTHACHE IN HIS HEEL."

A major sport among Fremont area men after the Civil War was fox hunting. Oftentimes a hunt that started in daylight did not end until well into the night hours. My grandfather, Gray Frank Aycock, was one of these enthusiasts. My mother said when a fox hunt did not end until after nightfall and if he thus found himself in an unfamiliar area, that he found his way home by looking at the stars. On his last fox hunt he got wet as he followed the hounds on foot (he refused to use a horse), caught a cold that developed into pneumonia and died less than two weeks after the hunt.

Many Fremont area men of this period were avid cockfight fans. Of course this was before laws were passed outlawing such events. As a rule, cock fights were usually staged as a side show by boys during Fremont's famous riding tournaments.

Large crowds of people attended these riding tournaments. The horses were ridden by men (mostly young men) who carried lances on which they tried to catch suspended rings as they raced by. The rider who caught the most rings was the King of the Tournament and was given the honor of accompanying the lady who was crowned Queen of the Tournament.

Another popular sport at these tournaments was "Grander Pulling." A gander with a greased neck and head would be suspended high, with head down, and, as the men dashed by on horseback they would grab at the dangling head. Anyone who could hold on and pull the gander down won a prize. This was usually followed by a dance out in the open with string music provided by banjo players.

At the time riding tournaments were held in Fremont, a large number of the businesses were saloons. In 1884, of the twelve local businesses listed, four, or one-third were saloons.

There is a story no prevailing that on one occasion during one of these riding tournaments, a resident by the name of Bolton had a habit of getting intoxicated and butting the head out of a liquor barrel with his forehead in order to entice his friends to give him more drink. On this occasion Bolton offered to stop a locomotive with his head if his friends would give him just one more drink. Treating the offer as a joke, his friends were surprised to discover later that Bolton had gone to the railroad tracks and had attempted to stop a locomotive. The attempt was in vain and Bolton was killed. His body was laid to rest at the southern end of town, and for many years thereafter the young people of the town were afraid to go to the southern section at night, as it was reported that lights could be seen coming up from Bolton's grave.

(to be continued)

ANDREW JACKSON WILLIFORD

***ZION'S LANDMARK*, July 1, 1917**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

He was born in Edgecombe county, N. C., and was more than 81 years old. He and sister Williford were married more than fifty years. They raised two children to be grown. He was a good provider for his family and was very energetic and industrious, and was among the famous overseers and managers of lands in the palmy days of farming in Edgecombe county.

He was buried in the presence of a large number of friends on the 10th day of this June. He desired to be dismissed from time and its troubles.

P. D. GOLD

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Munford, Kate Beverley	7/10/1890	Richmond VA	3/11/1920	Wilson NC	Unmarried; planned to visit relatives in England, leaving Philadelphia on the *Haverford*; 5'2", medium mouth, normal chin, high forehead, dark brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, oval face; identified by Robert C. Jones; photo attached.
Oettinger, Dave	9/19/1892	Wilson NC	3/11/1915	New York NY	Salesman; planned to travel to Canada for as salesman for Goodnight Robe Co., 841 Broadway ("We're awake to the Sleepers' wants.") ; 5'9", medium mouth, round chin, large forehead, red hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, roman nose, full face; identified by Abraham E. Altmayer, 380 Riverdale Dr., New York NY; photo attached.
Overman, Sarah M.	8/13/1893	Wilson NC	1/7/1920	Jacksonville FL	Daughter of L.F. Overman, born Wilson, now of Waycross GA; planned to visit Cuba for recreation, leaving Key West FL on P.&O.S.S. Line; 5'8", medium mouth, round chin, medium forehead, brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, oval face; identified by Ernest Dart, attorney; photo attached.
Paine, Wilmer Howard	5/25/1904	Wilson NC	6/23/1920	Knoxville TN	Son of Wilmer Howard Paine, Knoxville TN; student; planned to visit British Isles, France, Belgium for international Scout contest; 5'1 ½", regular mouth, round chin, medium forehead, blond hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, oval face; identified by mother Ina A. Paine; photo attached.
Peacock, Dred	4/12/1864	Stantonsburg NC	12/27/1898	Greensboro NC	Accompanied by wife Ella Cora Peacock, born 5/7/1865, Trinity, Randolph County NC and sister-in-law Cornelia Peacock; president, G.F. College; 5'11 ½", normal mouth, normal chin, broad & high forehead, dark hair, blue eyes, light complexion, normal nose, smooth face; identified by J.M. Wasler(?), Greensboro NC; no photo.
Peacock, John R.	4/27/1855	Wilson NC	5/27/1889	113 Locust St., Saint Louis MO	Manufacturer; 5'8", low forehead, dark hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, straight nose, mustache; identified by G.A. Hayward, 513 Locust St., Saint Louis MO; no photo.
Peacock, John R.	4/27/1855	Wilson NC	2/8/1892	113 Locust St., Saint Louis MO	Merchant; 5'8", medium mouth, small chin, medium forehead, dark hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, medium face; identified by Delos R. Haynes, Saint Louis MO; no photo.
Priddy, Fern Bryant	9/22/1896	Ashland VA	7/21/1923	810 W. Vance St., Wilson NC	Wife of John Walter Priddy Jr., whom she married 3/18/1917 in Newport KY; accompanied John Walter Priddy III, age 26 mos.; housewife; planned to visit Holland, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Great Britain, Poland & Italy, leaving NYC on the *Belgenland*; accompanying husband on commercial business; 5'5", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, light brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, small nose, round face; identified by Jesse R. Sandler, public transfer, Wilson NC; photo of mother and son attached.

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Priddy, John Walter, Jr.	6/20/1890	Ashland VA	7/31/1923	810 W. Vance St., Wilson NC	Son of John Walter Priddy, Sr., Ashland VA; tobacconist; visited Europe 1919-21; planned to visit Belgium, Holland, England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Netherlands, & Sweden, leaving NYC on the *Belgenland*; 5'7 ½", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, dark hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, narrow face; identified by Jesse R. Sandler, public transfer, Wilson NC; photo attached.
Priddy, John Walter, Jr.	6/20/1890	Ashland VA	7/31/1923	Farmville NC (Rotterdam, Holland)	Temporary residence in Rotterdam, Holland; accompanied by wife Fern Bryant Priddy; tobacconist; planned to visit Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, France, Norway, Switzerland & Great Britain on business for A.C. Monk & Co., leaf tobacco dealers; 5'7 ½", medium moustached mouth, round chin, high forehead, dark hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, narrow face; identified by L.E. Hubbard, Farmville NC; photo attached.
Pridgen, Lily Noel	12/24/1898	Baltimore MD	6/6/1924	Elm City NC	Daughter of John Iredell, b. NC; teacher; planned to visit Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy & France for travel & study, leaving Montreal on the *Montclare*; 5'6", medium mouth, slightly protruding chin, low forehead, brown eyes & hair, brunette complexion, medium nose, small face, two small scars on forehead; identified by George E. Walston, banker, Wilson NC; photo attached.
Pulver, Minda Brewer	2/4/1894	Wilson NC	12/19/1917	Ancon, Canal Zone	Wife of C.L. Pulver, chief clerk, Department Engineer, Panama Canal Department, US Army; leaving from NYC on US transport; 5'5", medium mouth, regular chin, regular forehead, black hair, grey eyes, medium complexion, prominent nose, full face; identified by Claud L. Pulver; photo attached.
Rosenthal, Albert	10/16/1871	Wilson NC	11/14/1907	699 Broadway, New York NY	Merchant; 5'9 ½ ", large mouth, well-defined chin, high forehead, brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, straight nose, full face; identified by Sydney Strauss, Baltimore MD; no photo.
Rosenthal, Joe	2/4/1868	Wilson NC	2/25/1889	Goldsboro NC	Clerking; 5'7", medium mouth, round chin, medium forehead, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, straight nose, small face; identified by Junius Slocumb, Goldsboro NC; no photo.
Rosenthal, Joe	2/4/1868	Wilson NC	4/26/1906	Goldsboro NC	Applying for self and wife Elizabeth Rosenthal; merchant; 5'7", medium mouth, round chin, medium forehead, dark brown hair, blue eyes, brunette [sic] complexion, straight nose, clean shaven face; identified by Junius Slocumb, Goldsboro NC; no photo.
Rosenthal, Joe	2/4/1868	Wilson NC	4/30/1913	Goldsboro NC	To be accompanied by wife Elizabeth and daughter Elizabeth, born 3/6/1907 in NYC; merchant; 5'7", firm mouth, firm chin, medium forehead, dark brown hair, blue eyes, dark complexion, straight nose, clean shaven face; identified by J. Slocumb, Goldsboro NC; no photo.

JOSHUA JORDAN, JR.

Hugh B. Johnston Files

[Editor's note: The September 2008 issue of *Trees of Wilson* included Mr. Johnston's collection of information on Joshua Jordan and his wife Edith "Edy" Flowers. Joshua Jordan, Jr., was listed as one of their seven children. Mr. Johnston stated there that Joshua, Jr., married Agnes "Aggy" Turner, daughter of Isaac Turner, Jr., and wife Christian Barnes. The following file from Mr. Johnston gives different information for Agnes. The first paragraph included here is rearranged because this file was included in the Farmer family and was oriented on Agnes.]

Joshua Jordan, Jr., son of Joshua and Edith Jordan of Edgecombe County, was born about 1771 and died in 1842. He married first Agnes "Aggy" Farmer, daughter of Isaac Farmer, Jr., and wife Christian Barnes, who was born and reared in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Joshua's second wife was Julian ___ who was born in 1797 and survived him.

In the Edgecombe County Census of 1800, Joshua Jordan, Jr., was aged 26-45, and his wife was 16-26, and they had a daughter under ten. In the Census of 1810, Farmer's District, he and wife were 26-45 and had a female under ten and one 10-16. In the 1830 Census, he and wife were aged 50-60 and had two slaves. In the Census of 1840, he was 60-70, his wife 40-50, and they had a female under five, a male 15-20, and 20 slaves. In the Wilson County Census of 1860, Wilson District, Julian Jordan was living with John Barnes and was worth $3,200.00.

On February 28, 1825, Joshua Jordan entered suit against Edith Jordan in the Edgecombe County Court to determine if she was of sound mind, but it was bound over to the next court. On January 31, 1832, Nathan Cook sold Joshua Jordan for $1,661.25 a tract of 553¾ acres north of Contentnea Creek adjoining Lewis Ellis, White, the road, Dempsey Daniel, Cornish, Powell, and Cobb; witnessed by Lewis Ellis, Elias Evans, and Bythel Horriss.[1] On January 25, 1836, Henry (x) Jordan, Joshua (J) Jordan, William Barnes, David Jordan, and Jesse Jordan of Edgecombe County and Bartlett Deans and wife Elizabeth (x) Jordan of Nash County sold William Hanes of the latter County for $276.60 three tracts of land: 288 acres south of Great Swamp adjoining Bennett Bullock, 20 acres on the County line and a Swamp, and 10 acres on the County Line and Bullock; witnessed by Bennet B. Bullock and Josiah Jordan.[2]

On September 14, 1841, Joshua (x) Jordan of Edgecombe County sold William Barnes for $500.00 a tract of 308½ acres on both sides of Hominy Swamp adjoining said Barnes, John Morris (formerly Thomas Johnston), John Peal, Mary Rountree, John Coleman, and Priscillar Barnes; witnessed by Elisha Barnes and Jacob Taylor.[3] On March 24, 1843, by order of February Court, Jacob Taylor, James Barbee, Wiley Rountree, Seth Ward, Abner Eason, Bryant L. Barnes, John Coleman, Joseph (x) Farmer, Larry D. Farmer, Joshua Barnes, James Simms, and Solomon Ward laid off the dower of Julan Jordan, widow of Joshua Jordan: 184 acres "Including the dwelling house out houses &c" adjoining Jacob Taylor, a branch, and William Monford.[4]

Joshua (J) Jordan made his will in Edgecombe County on December 29, 1841, and it was probated in August Court, 1842: (1) wife Julian Jordan, use of the land, furniture, cattle, etc.; (2) daughter Mary Ann Jordan; (3) executor Larry Dew; (4) witness: Edwin Barnes.[5]

Children of Joshua and Agnes (Farmer) Jordan:

1. Christian Jordan married William Barnes.
2. Elizabeth Jordan, born 1807, married, as his second wife, William Barnes.

Child of Joshua and Julian Jordan:

1. Mary Ann Jordan

Sources:

1. Edgecombe County, Deed Book 21, p. 287.
2. Deed Book 21, p. 455.
3. Deed Book 23, p. 163.
4. Deed Book 23, p. 291.
5. Will Book F., p. 275.

[Handwritten addition at the end:]

October 1, 1840, William Barnes, Sr., deeded to his children Samuel, Perry, Elizabeth, Elisha, John, Benjamin, William, Stephen, Polly, Barshaba, Sarah, and Joshua J. Barnes property received from Joshua Jordan by deed of gift on October 1, 1840. (Edgecombe County, Deed Book 22, p. 494)

JAMES A. PRIVETTE OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, March 14, 1912

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Death of Mr. J. A. Privette.

Mr. J. A. Privett, one of Wilson's oldest and highly respected citizens passed away this morning about one o'clock in the 72d year of his age at his residence near the Graded School.

The deceased has been in poor health for a number of years, though he has not been confined to his room more than three months.

During his active life he was one of the counties' best farmers and later took the oversight of the cemetery which he kept in fine shape.

Whatever he undertook he did with all his might and only his affliction prevented energetic usefulness at all times.

Mr. Privett was 72 years of age and left a wife and eight children, 5 girls and three boys to mourn his departure. He was a staunch member of the Missionary Baptist church and the services were conducted from the church this afternoon at 4:30 by the pastor Rev. C. W. Blanchard.

The following pall bearers officiated: Messrs. W. T. Clark, Col. John F. Bruton, K. H. Watson, W. L. Banks, E. S. Taylor and Howard Rowe.

[Editor's note: In 1900, James Privett, farmer, born Nov. 1840; and his wife of 33 years, Mason E., born June 1850; lived in Wilson Township. Their children Minnie, born Oct. 1878; Mary A., born Mar. 1880; Robert K., born Oct. 1882; Hattie, born Jan. 1885; and Elen, born Jan. 1891; lived with them. (1900 Wilson County Census, abstracted by Howell)]

MINUTES

Wilson County Genealogy Society met on September 30, 2008. President Wanda Taylor welcomed guests and members. The minutes stood as written in the June issue of Trees of Wilson. Sue Powell gave the Treasurer's Report.

Sue Powell also gave a report on Founding Families. The Index is being typed into the indexing program. There are at least 23,000 names already entered. Joan Howell Waddell, Frances Roberson, and Wanda Taylor have all helped with the data entry.

Speakers for next year are being planned. Anyone knowing of a speaker they would like have is requested to let one of our board members know.

The calendar for 2009 is being planned.

Nominations for next years officers are: President, Wanda Lamm Taylor; Vice-president, Richard Rountree; Secretary, Frances Roberson, Treasurer, Sue Evans Powell; Member of the board, Carroll Arthur. The president, vice-present, secretary and treasurer will be elected for a one-year term. The president and vice-president can serve no more than a two consecutive terms. The new board member is elected for a 3 years term. Jane Poston and Jerry Stancil are currently serving continued terms as board members. The floor was opened for additional nominations, but none were made. Election of officers will be held at the October meeting.

Announcements: Our October program will be the "History of the Wilson Fire Department" presented by Otis Daughtridge. Other events are itemized under **Announcements** in the next column.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Ms. Jennie Schindler Graham from the Country Doctor Museum in Bailey, N. C., the oldest museum in the United States dedicated to the history of America's rural health care. Begun in December 1967 as a memorial for rural physicians, the Museum's collection has grown to over 5,000 medical artifacts and many volumes of historic texts gathered from across the nation. The interpretive range expanded from rural doctors to include topics such as nursing, pharmaceuticals, and home remedies. In 2001, the Museum was donated to the Medical Foundation of East Carolina University and is managed as part of the History Collections of Laupus Library.

Ms. Graham gave us a video tour of the Museum buildings, herb garden, and exhibits. She brought with her some of the Museum's artifacts, and she explained their uses and importance. She explained the medicinal use of leeches, which were used until about the time of the Civil War. During this time period it was thought infection was a natural part of healing. Hands were not properly washed and infections spread. It was noticed that midwives did wash their hands, and their patients recovered more readily. A simple thing like hand washing made a big difference in the survival rate. Drawing blood was a common practice to get rid of bad blood to cleanse infections. She stated that George Washington died because they drew too much blood. Home Remedies were popular as were doctors' house visits, the use of Liver tonics, alcohol, opium, Lydia Pinkum, and "blood purifiers." There were Medicine Shows where one could buy Elixirs that were "good for what ails you." In 1860-1880's, amputations, which only took 60 seconds, were done using a double-sided knife. Chloroform or ether was used to sedate the patient.

Ms Graham also talked about preserving family heirlooms. She encouraged us to use acid free and archival safe products for our keepsakes. Old newspapers have acid, and she said we should copy them and then get rid of the newspapers.

A building will be built for the Nursing Museum. After storm damage to the building that was being used, the exhibits were moved to another building.

They are accepting artifacts for the Museum and would like some medical exhibits from the old Mercy Hospital in Wilson if anyone knows of any artifacts.

Carol Forbes for Frances Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Fall Specials:**

Membership—New members joining now through November receive the remaining issue of *Trees of Wilson* for 2008 and all issues of 2009.

Book Sale—ends December 31, 2008

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They Moved Away—**$10.00** plus tax and shipping

• WCGS has found it necessary to increase the postage and handling charge for shipped orders to $5.00 per book, and $5.00 for 1-4 maps.

• **Workshops and Programs:**

Dr. Fitzhugh Brundage, will talk on the American South and his recent book, *The Southern Past: A Clash of Race and Memory.* Hardy Hall, Barton College, **October 21, 2008,** 7 pm.

"Finding Your Confederate Ancestors," **Oct. 25, 2008,** 1-4 pm, Braswell Memorial Library, Kornegay Local History Room, presented by the Bethel Heroes Chapter, UDC.

• The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West, National Genealogical Society ~ Conference in the States 2009, Raleigh, North Carolina, in the new Raleigh Convention Center on **May 13-16, 2009**.

The conference will feature many nationally-known speakers, and the exhibit hall will be filled with vendors sharing the latest products for genealogists.

Watch the NGS website (http://www/ngsgenealogy.org) for more information and NGS 2009 blog (http://www.ncgenealogy.org/blogs/ngs2009/).

• *Worthy of Record: The Civil War and Reconstruction Diaries of Columbus Lafayette Turner,* edited by Kenrick N. Simpson, $25, new publication by North Carolina Office of Archives and History.

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Payment and shipping: Shipping cost for each book is $5.00 ($10.00 for *Wilson County Marriages*, a set of two books). Shipping cost for maps is $5.00 for 1-4 items. Add 6.75% sales tax for NC residents on merchandise total (not on shipping).

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President's Message

Hello, Readers, November brings in a time for family gathering, celebrations and traditions. For most of us it's a family feast on Thanksgiving Day. We serve turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

The first Thanksgiving meal was somewhat different. The only two items that historians know for sure to have been on the menu were venison and wild fowl. Instead of pumpkin pie, they most likely had stewed pumpkin. Have some fun this year at the table and discuss what your ancestors may have served at their meal.

Some of us spend the afternoon watching football games on TV or playing a family game of football. This tradition goes back to 1876. The American Intercollegiate Football Association held its first championship game on Thanksgiving Day. By the 1890's, the Yale versus Princeton game drew upwards of forty thousand fans, while more than five thousand club, college and high school games were played on the holiday.

How many of us watch the Macy's Day Parade? Employees, friends and families of Macy's sponsored the first annual parade in New York City in 1924. You could also watch the movie *Miracle on 34th Street* that features the parade. It is one of my favorites that I plan to watch over the weekend.

Enjoy the time with your families and friends. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

Wanda Lamm Taylor

NOVEMBER 25TH MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on November 25th in the Assembly Room. At this meeting, we will have reports of the activities of the year, installation of officers for 2009, a "Show and Tell" sharing time, and a social to celebrate the year satisfactorily completed and to honor the new and outgoing officers.

Following the business session, we will have the ever popular **"Show and Tell"** period. Bring a family heirloom or photograph, a historical artifact, a research discovery, or something that you have done to preserve your heritage, and tell us the story about the item. We all enjoy seeing others' treasures and get ideas about ways that we can preserve or celebrate our own heritage.

We will conclude with the social period. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to add to the refreshment table.

This will be our last meeting for 2008. Our next meeting will be on January 27, 2009.

2009 DUES

Dues are now being accepted for 2009. Consider giving a gift membership as a Christmas present.

If dues are not paid by the end of January, members may not receive any additional issues of *Trees of Wilson* until they are paid.

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WILLIE JORDAN BATTS' MEDICAL FORMULAS

Excerpts from "*The Favorite Medical Formulas of Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, Esq., Wilson County's Notable Botanic Physician*

Hugh B. Johnston bound and contributed to Wilson County Public Library a photocopy of the formulas used by Dr. Willie Jordan Batts, herbalist. This formula concludes the series.

Flowing of the Female

Get one single grasp of samson snakeroot put it in one quart of water and boil it down to one half pint sweeten it with sugar, take 3 tablespoonfuls at a dose 3 times a day or oftener if necessary—.

When monthly courses stop on females by exposure or cold take one single handful of camimile flowers and put them in a bottle poar one pint of apple brandy or good whiskey to them let them steap 2 or 3 days, then it is ready for use, take 3 large drams aday. Use composition while the flowers are steeping—

[Editor's note: There was one more formula included; however, the description of the condition and the treatment were too gruesome to record in *Trees*.]

WILLIAM SKINNER AND QUEENETTA WEBB

Albert R. Page, Sr.

Introduction

William Skinner and Queenetta Webb Skinner were my father's (Albert Ralph Page) maternal grandparents.[0] William Skinner died before my Dad was born sometime around the 1870's. My father knew very well Queenetta as she lived until he was 21 years old and married. In those early years many in this Skinner family lived

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close together for years in the Saratoga Township area of Wilson County where the farms of Bob Rodgers, William Everette and A. J. Ellis were located. Today that is the area of about the juncture of the Bartee Bridge Road and the Waycross Road (S. R. 1536 & 1537).

The Skinner and Webb Family Origins

The Skinner and the Webb families were long time settlers around the Macclesfield, Edgecombe County area. The Skinners settled a little north and the Webbs maybe a little south of what is today the town of Macclesfield. Both families had been supporters of the American Revolution. Founding ancestor John Webb, Sr.'s, American Revolutionary military service is well documented.[1] Ancestor Dempsey Skinner was called "a patriot of the Revolution" in his obituary.[2] Both William Skinner and Queenetta Webb were born into their respective families in Edgecombe County there close to what is now the town of Macclesfield, North Carolina. William Skinner was a grandson of Dempsey Skinner and his wife Lydia Eason. Gardner Skinner, one of the older sons of Dempsey and Lydia, married Sally Flowers, and they became the parents of William Skinner and his siblings Hardy, Duncan and Sally.[3] It appears that Gardner, Sally and their children lived close to Dempsey and Lydia Skinner's plantation northeast out of Macclesfield toward Pinetops there about the Bynum Mill Creek.[4]

Queenetta Webb was a granddaughter of John Webb, Sr., and his wife Teresa Duke. William Webb was one of the youngest of their sons. William Webb married Sally Lewis and Queenetta was born about the middle of their nine children probably close to where John Webb, Sr.'s, main farm was south and outside of Macclesfield.[5] The John Webb, Sr., burial location and graveyard are marked today by an American Revolutionary headstone.[6]

Conjecture seems to suggest that William Skinner and Queenetta Webb might have met somewhere between the home area of John Webb, Sr., and that of Dempsey Webb's place. Maybe they met in Macclesfield at some economic or social event. The first time their names actually appeared in the historical record was when they married in Edgecombe County about the 3rd of October in 1845.[7]

William and Queenetta Skinner's Family

The second time William and Queenetta Skinner appeared in the public record was on the 1850 Edgecombe County Census. They lived next door to Joshua Walston and his wife Anna Felton and their two young children. Stephen H. Walston was nine years old and Celia A. Walston was just five years old.[8] The Joshua Walston farm has been documented by this writer as being on what today is highway 91 just south out of Saratoga but before you reach Grove Church Road.[9] It is possible that William Skinner helped the Walstons on their farm since the Walston children were too young to be of much service up to that point in time. By the time of the 1850 Census William and Queenetta had one daughter Mary G. who was about four years old. Also living with William and Queenetta Skinner at that time was William's only sister Sally. Sally was reported to be 14 years old.[10] It seems pressing at this time to make a point about William Skinner's parents. William's two younger brothers were reported in the 1850 Edgecombe County Census to be living with elderly Elisha Felton and his wife Milly. Hardy Skinner was 19 years old and his younger brother Duncan was 16.[11] There may have been some kinship between the Feltons

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and the Skinners. Milly might have been an older daughter of Dempsey and Lydia? The Elisha Felton farm ended up in the possession of John Webb, Sr., and was inherited by William Webb's brother John.[12] The point I was making about the Skinner family is it appears that the parents of William, Hardy, Duncan and Sally Skinner (Gardner and Sally Skinner) were dead by the time of the collection of the information for the 1850 Edgecombe County Census. Their children are accounted for outside of their home, and there is no record of the parents found by this writer in any other census report.

The 1860's

Some attraction must have caught the eye of William Skinner and his family sometime in the 1850's as they were found enumerated in the 1860 Greene County Census. They were only just over the border of Wilson County in the Fields District of Greene County. Their neighboring families were that of William Cobb, William Sorrow, Elizabeth Walston and Joseph Bailey. William Skinner was listed as 38 years old and his wife was reported as "Virginia 32 years old."[13] No where else in the public or private records has this writer found any other name for William Skinner's wife but Queenetta. It may be that her birth name was really Virginia but throughout her life (in the records) she was called Queenetta or Mrs. Skinner.

Another treasure of the 1860 Census was that additional children were listed as having been born to William and Queenetta since the 1850 Census. Mary G. was now 15 years old, and she had siblings now. Martha A. was 7, Sarah was 5, James was 3 and Duncan J. was just five months old.[14] Very likely Queenetta may have lost a baby or two between Mary and Martha as there was seven or so years difference in their ages. It is not clear how long this Skinner family may have been in Greene County and how many of their children were born there.

Political and other problems pressed down during late 1860 and early 1861 that could no longer be avoided. The clash between the Southern and the Northern States erupted in what was called the War Between the States or the Civil War in late 1860 and early 1861. There was not much room anymore for neutral ground. The Skinners and most everyone else were caught up in this disturbance. The Skinner brothers all responded to the call to duty. William was a "Provost Guard" at Kinston under Captain Croom. Hardy served in Company E, 19th Regiment, and Duncan enlisted into Company H, 75th Regiment.[15] All survived the War and returned home. Years later pensions were applied for by the widows.[16]

Other records attest to the fact that three more children were born into the William Skinner Family during the 1860's. Weltha was born after Duncan in 1862. Then William or "Willie" Skinner was born in late 1865, and the last child Hardy Washington Skinner was born in 1869.[17]

The 1870's

One of the most disturbing experiences for this writer is that no census record could be found any place for the William Skinner family during 1870. All the surrounding counties were searched but no success came. The main concern here is that it became evident in the research that father William Skinner died sometime during the years of the 1870's. The exact time can not be pinned down absolutely but by the time of the 1880 census he is no longer with his family. Sometime during the 1870's Queenetta moved to the area of the William Everette farm in the Saratoga Township of Wilson County with her eight children. When the children started to get married by 1875, the family was recognized in the public records as being in Wilson County. First the oldest child Mary G. married Thomas Rodgers in 1875.[18] No marriage certificate could be found to indicate if father William Skinner was alive or dead at this time. When the second family marriage took place in 1878 between Sarah or Sally M. Skinner and Wiley Webb, the record stated it was at "the residence of Queenetta Skinner."[19] It seems evident that William Skinner was most likely dead by this time.

The 1880's

When the 1880 Wilson County Census was collected, Queenetta Skinner was listed as number 105 in Saratoga Township. Her remaining five children Martha A., James D., Weltha, William and Hardy were at home with her. Their neighbors were Wiley Webb (no. 106), William Everette (no. 107), Robert A. Rodgers (no.108) and Alfred Jackson Ellis (no. 109).[20] There can be no question where these people lived. In the summer of 1880, son Duncan James Skinner married Gristie Ellis, the daughter of A. J. Ellis. The witnesses were Harley Ellis, Falconer Ellis and R. A. Rodgers.[21] In the fall of 1880, Martha Ann Skinner married John Thomas Page at "Mrs. Skinner's".[22] Two years later in 1882 daughter Weltha Skinner married Dennis Mercer, and again this marriage took place at Queenetta's home. The witnesses were Harley Ellis, A. J. Ellis and Wiley Webb. King Moses Perkins performed the ceremony.[22a] He was married to A. J. Ellis' daughter Drucilla Ellis.[23] In 1884 Duncan James Skinner married a second time after his first wife Gristie Ellis died. This time he married Martha Baker. Thomas Page, Harley Ellis and Willie Skinner were witnesses.[24]

The 1890's

Unfortunately for the most part the 1890 census did not survive to give valuable family information. Queenetta's last child son Hardy Washington Skinner married in Greene County to Susan Walston in 1892. His marriage certificate indicated that all the parties were from Greene County even Queenetta.[25] Maybe they took a temporary farm assignment in Greene County for that year. Later in 1892 brother Willie G. Skinner married Mary Louise Roland.[26]

The 1900's

By the time of the 1900 Wilson County census, many of the married Skinner families were together again around the farms of Bob Rodgers and Della Ellis Everette.[27] William Everette was dead by this time and buried on the Everette farm. Interesting also is that William Skinner's brother Hardy Skinner and his

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FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

							Wayne
John M[arshall]. Toler	7	John H. Powell	1852	farmer	(alias John Gray Toler) Eliza Toler, white		
Needham Joyner	10	Susan A. Griswold	1852	husban dry	Edith Joyner		60 Wayne
Elisa Joyner	8	Susan A. Griswold	1852	spinster	Edith Joyner		60 Wayne
Bill Joyner	3	Susan A. Griswold	1852	husban dry	Edith Joyner		60 Wayne
Ben Joyner	1 ½	Susan A. Griswold	1852	husban dry	Edith Joyner		60 Wayne
Nicy Vick	---	William Thompson	1852	---			
Ezekiel Hagans	6	William Hooks	1852	farmer	Eli Hagans		50 Wayne
Esther Hall[7]	7	William J. Exum	1852	farmer	Lucy Hall		50 Wayne
Nathan Hall	16	William J. Exum	1852	farmer	Lucy Hall?		50 Wayne
William Henry Hagans	16	William Hooks	1852	farmer	Eli Hagans		
George Hall	19	William J. Exum	1852	farmer	Lucy Hall		50 Wayne
Nicy Hall	14	William J. Exum	1852	farmer	Lucy Hall	Wyatt Lynch	50 Wayne, 60/70/80/00 Wilson
Sam Hall	4	William J. Exum	1852	farmer	Lucy Hall		50 Wayne
Polly Hagans	11	William Hooks	1852	spinster	Eli Hagans		60 Wayne
John Munden	---	Nathan Hooks	1853	---	(alias Hagans)		50 Wayne
William Munden	---	Simeon Hooks	1853	---	(alias Hagans)	Emily Langley	50 Wayne
Ephraim Artis	---	William H. Ward	1853	---			
Epsaline Artis	12	William H. Ward	1853	---			60 Wayne
Mary Hall	5	Hubard Edmundson	1853	---			
Emily Brown	7	Lydea A. Crawford	1853	seamstr ess			50/60 Wayne
William West	3	Barna Yelverton	1853	farmer			60 Wayne
Sam Hagans	10	Ezekiel T. Mayo	1853	farmer			
James Hagans	13	Ezekiel T. Mayo	1853	farmer			
Sarah Radford	13	Thomas Smith	1853	---	Paradice Radford (FPC), d/o Martha Radford (white)		60 Wayne
Mary Radford	---	Thomas Smith	1853	---	Paradice Radford (FPC), d/o Martha		60 Wayne

[7] In *William J. Exum v. James Yelverton*, Fall Term, Wayne Superior Court, 1852, the court rescinded the indentures of Lucy Hall's children to James Yelverton as contrary to court rules. The children were rebound to William J. Exum.

FREE CHILDREN OF COLOR APPRENTICED IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC 1807-1860

					Radford (white)		
Bazel Brooks	5	Wright Casey	1853	farmer	(alias Stafford) John Stafford & Annis Brooks		50/60 Wayne
Caroline Brooks	12	Wright Casey	1853	spinster	(alias Stafford) John Stafford & Annis Brooks		50/60/70/80 Wayne
Lany Artis	19	Burrell Edmundson	1854	spinster			60 Wayne
George Artis	3	Burrell Edmundson	1854	farmer	Lany Artis?		60 Wayne
Green Seaberry	5	William T. Williams	1854	farmer	Mancy Seaberry		50 Wayne
Raiford Carroll[8]	12	Nathan Edgerton	1855	farmer	Margaret Carroll	Courtney Sanders	50 Johnston, 60 Wayne
Narcissa Carroll	1	Nathan Edgerton	1855	seamstress	Margaret Carroll	George Locust	60 Wayne
Bardin Carroll	9	Nathan Edgerton	1855	farmer	Margaret Carroll		
Sarah Jane Carroll	11	Nathan Edgerton	1855	seamstress	Margaret Carroll		60 Wayne
Olivia Carroll	3	Nathan Edgerton	1855	seamstress	Margaret Carroll	Enoch Richardson	60 Wayne
Bryan Carroll	9	Nathan Edgerton	1855		Margaret Carroll		
Amelia Carroll	5	Nathan Edgerton	1855	seamstress	Margaret Carroll		60 Wayne
Louisa Carroll	6	Nathan Edgerton	1855	seamstress	Margaret Carroll	Nathan Barnes?	60 Wayne
Mary Jane Carroll	15	Nathan Edgerton	1855	seamstress	Margaret Carroll		50 Johnston, 60 Wayne
Bryan Carroll	---	Leonard H. Pate	1855	---	Susan Carroll		60 Wayne
Mandy M. Hall	1 ½	James Yelverton	1855	seamstress	Hester Hall		60 Wayne
Benjamin Bass	4	David James	1855	farmer			
Emily Jane Hagans	12	John G. Barnes	1855	seamstress	Eliza Hagans	Shepherd Best	50 Wayne
Melvina Hagans	14	John G. Barnes	1855	seamstress	Eliza Hagans	Gilbert Artis	50 Wayne
Smithy Jane Hagans	3	John G. Barnes	1855	seamstress			
William Hagans	8	Warren Aycock	1855	---	(alias Mundy/Munden)		50 Wayne
John Hagans	10	Warren Aycock	1855	farmer	(alias Mundy/Munden)		50 Wayne

[8] In 1856 Wayne County Superior Court, Margaret Carroll unsuccessfully challenged the indentures of her children Mary, Raiford, Louisa, Amelia, Devereux, Narcissa, Olif, and Sarah Carroll.

AYCOCK FAMILY HISTORY (Part 6)

"Fremont, North Carolina Social History, 1859-1918 and Aycock Family History"

Written by Selby A. Daniels
Contributed by Barbara M. Ferrell

[Editor's note: The Aycock family story was begun in the May 2008 issue of *Trees of Wilson* and continued in the subsequent issues. This concludes the series.]

One farm job usually performed in August was "pulling fodder," something I've done my share of. When a field of corn was determined as having fully matured ears of corn, and, just before the corn leaves or "blades" began to turn brown, workers entered the field, each man or boy "carrying a row." Long shirt sleeves had to be worn by the workers as the blades were quite sharp. In spite of this, cuts were often sustained on the hands, neck and face. A worker was not considered as doing his part until his shirt was drenching wet with perspiration and with tell-tale rings of salt showing under the arm pits on the shirt.

A large handful of corn leaves were tied together with three other leaves and this was called a "tie." It was pulled over a big ear of corn and left to dry. When dry, and before a rain cloud came up, workers returned to the field to tie the "ties" into bundles. Four ties were thus tied together to make a bundle. Again leaves were taken from a tie to tie up the bundles. Next, the bundles were picked up and loaded on a wagon and taken to the chosen "fodder stack" site near the barn. A good stacker could accept bundles from as many as three "handers," keeping all three busy. A tall tree pole was buried about two feet in the ground and a small platform built around it about a foot off the ground. On this base the stacker placed the fodder bundles around the pole with torn ends of the leaves against the pole. Fodder stored in this manner by a good stacker would keep a year or more. My job was always as the stacker. Cows as well as horses and mules ate fodder. It was primarily a fill (stomach filler) and was never fed as an exclusive feed as it lacked the necessary body requirements for animals. Gen. Sherman had his foragers take southern fodder to feed his horses and mules on his famous march to the sea.

This story occurred at the end of the Civil War and the three central characters involved were my grandmother, her younger brother Joshua and her older sister Mary Aycock. All were contemporaries of Gov. Charles B. Aycock. I should warn the reader ahead of time to prepare for a gory story. News spread quickly throughout the Fremont area of the arrival of Sherman's 100,000 troops on March 22, 1865. The three children, Mary 11, Charity 9 and Joshua 7, determined between themselves to walk the 15 miles to Goldsboro to see this mighty, conquering army. Without the knowledge of their mother, Martha Barnes Aycock, (their father, Joshua, Sr. was then dead) they set out down the present Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for Goldsboro. They found the Union encampment, and with the total innocence children that age have, they wandered excitedly in the camp. They saw soldiers doing all kinds of things, finally stopping to watch a soldier cooking, who had seemed friendly by hailing them. All three were quite hungry, as they did not bring any food with them. In fact, they really had no idea how far Goldsboro was when they started the trip. The soldier asked them if they were good little Rebels. They had never heard this name before, but decided it must be a nice name since the soldier seemed so nice- and, anyway they were hungry, so Aunt Mary being the oldest answered "yes." The soldier responded by saying, "I'm glad you are good little rebels, as I want to show you what we do to bad rebels." Whereupon he lead them away to a place where two naked men were hanging by their heels with their stomachs slit open and their intestines hanging over their faces. Aunt Mary told me this story and said all three children started running and did not stop until they returned to the railroad tracks, where they made their way back home as quickly as possible.

That trip to Goldsboro to the Union Camp would have a lasting impact on all three children as long as they lived. Until they made that trip they had no fixed opinion or understanding about the war, certainly no hostile feeling for Yankees, because they were too young for these things. The trip changed all that. Aunt Mary became the second wife of a returned Confederate soldier, Jonathan Davis. My grandmother Charity married her cousin Gary Frank Aycock, who was too young to serve with his four brothers in the war but did join Dr. B. Tom Person's Blue Season Rangers after the war (a vigilante organization that Charles B. Aycock's oldest brother Frances "Frank" Marion Aycock also joined. Uncle Josh became one of Fremont's wealthiest citizens, and, became such a staunch admirer of President Abraham Lincoln that he hung a picture of Lincoln in his home-the only Fremont resident who dared to do this. Obviously he was much ostracized and shunned by nearly all his fellow townspeople for this act. People considered it to be an act of treachery to the late Southern cause. Some others regarded the picture as offensive to the sacrifices of their relatives and neighbors during the Civil War. At any rate, the picture stayed.

I think it very interesting to reveal some of the eccentric things Uncle Josh did during his life time. He was just two years older that Gov. Charles B. Aycock and therefore a contemporary of him. Their grandfathers were brothers; Uncle Josh's grandfather was Timothy Aycock and Gov. Aycock's grandfather was James Aycock. Uncle Josh had a precise purpose in everything he did. All northbound trains stopped in Fremont for baggage or freight, with the engine always being in front of Uncle Josh's house during these stops. Uncle Josh kept a bucket full of rocks behind one of the two large oak trees in his front yard, to use in a daily game he played with the train fireman and engineer. He would stand behind one of the oaks, throw a rock quickly at the fireman and then duck behind the tree. Of course the fireman always retaliated with coal - just what Uncle Josh

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wanted. The fireman probably thought he was just a crazy old man. After the train departed, Uncle Josh would empty the bucket of rocks, pick up the pieces of coal and take them in his house to burn.

Uncle Josh used to walk the three miles to our house from Fremont down the railroad with a sack over his should to pick up lost pieces of coal. By the time he reached our house, his bag would be full. He considered our home and farm his "birthright" as he used to tell us. This meant he felt entitled to any fruit, nuts or vegetables he wanted, and my parents always yielded to his wishes. It was my job to gather all these things he wanted. On hot summer days when he visited us, I used to marvel as I watched him drinking buttermilk. He would drink a half gallon at one sitting, and he always left some on his mustache until my mother would hand him a cloth to wipe it off. Uncle Josh rewarded our family for these things. Having no children of his own, he willed his immense wealth to 21 grand nephews and nieces, including our family of five.

Fremont had the nearest high school, so after my mother obtained her primary and elementary education at a nearby school called Daniel's Quarter, she was invited to live with Uncle Josh and his wife Aunt Net (for Nettie) there in Fremont. There was no way my mother could walk the three miles twice a day and have time left for studying. My grandfather Gary Frank Aycock was already dead and Uncle Josh became her father image. He did not try to brainwash her on the greatness of Abraham Lincoln, but he did teach many useful things during her high school stay with him.

The first summer while my mother was home after staying with Uncle Josh, the Wayne County Health Department staff set up local stops in the homes of prominent farmers to give vaccination shots for small pox and diphtheria. The home chosen in our area was the farm of a cousin, Oscar Lafayette Aycock, not quite a mile away toward Fremont. Cousin "Fate" as host had the services of a tenant black woman to help his wife, Cousin Sena. Patiently she watched the long parade of people who came to get their shots. Unable to stand it any longer, she walked up to the doctor, rolled up her sleeve and requested he vaccinate her. It should be noted here that back then the County Health people vaccinated white groups only, and would later move to vaccinate blacks only as a group. When the doctor declined to give her a shot, she demanded to know why he wouldn't. The doctor explained that she must be vaccinated in her "own precinct." Upon which the black woman exploded and said very loud. "Dere you go, you vaccinates all dese good lookin' young white boys and girls in dey ahms and dey legs and you wants to vaccinate us po' nigguhs in our precinct."

Two of my mother's brothers married two of my father's sisters, making their offspring double first cousins. This identical situation occurred in my great-grandfather's family. Human biological genes being as they are, some cousins were look-alike. My double first cousin Aaron Aycock and myself are two such look-alikes, so much so that Aaron's father often confused me for him, particularly after we reached adulthood and had left home. This "mixing" us up has even carried on involving other people who get us mixed up, although I have lived 200 miles away from him since 1945!

Primitive Baptists observed a very strict code of morals and ethics among their members. As mentioned above, two of my father's sisters married two of my mother's brothers. When my grandfather Daniel's estate was being settled, the two families fell into dispute over the division of the property, one sued the other in court. This is taboo among Primitive Baptists, so when the membership had a meeting at Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Church, both of my father's sisters were expelled from the church. Their husbands, my mother's brothers, were not members. As my parents were both member there, the situation presented a very complex problem for them. Our family ended up staying on good terms with the other two families, and the matter was soon forgotten. Eventually the two sisters were "restored" to the fellowship in the church. Today there is a housing development covering my grandfather's large farm, but during the dispute the farm was four miles south of Wilson, N. C.

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SALLIE ANN SCOTT OBITUARY

***Zion's Landmark*, March 1, 1902**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

SALLIE ANN SCOTT.

Sister Sallie Ann Scott, whose maiden name was Sallie Ann Revel, was born Jan. 4, 1828, married brother David Scott July 27, 1851; was the mother of 10 children, 6 now living; joined the church at Scott's Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June, 1872, and departed January 18, 1901.

She had a vision before they thought of constituting that church showing her where she would be baptized. She remained a member in fellowship with that church while she lived on earth.

P. D. Gold.

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Scott, W.G.	10/23/1982	Wilson NC	10/13/1917	Washington DC	Son of W.H.G. Scott, b. USA; government clerk; planned to visit England & France as a clerk in the Office of the Chief Engineer, American Expeditionary Forces; 5'10 ¼ ", medium mouth, round chin, medium forehead, black slightly gray hair, gray eyes, dark complexion, medium nose, full face; identified by James A. Dickinson, Clarendon VA; photo attached.
Smith, M. Elizabeth	7/22/1909	Wilson NC	5/28/1923	Goldsboro NC	Daughter of William H. Smith, Goldsboro NC; school girl; planned to visit Great Britain, Belgium & France for education & pleasure, leaving Montreal on the *Marburn*; no description provided; photo attached.
Smith, Samuel W.		Oxford NC		Wilson NC	Son of Richard T. Smith, b. Granville County NC; tobacconist; planned to visit England, Scotland & France; 5'9 ½", large mouth, round chin, high forehead, dark with gray hair, gray eyes, ruddy complexion, straight nose, oval face; identified by Ruffin T. Barnes; photo attached.
Spier, Aaron R.	10/18/1869	Wilson NC	3/29/1920	Upper Montclair NJ	Accompanied by wife Miriam F. Spier, born 11/21/1875, Newark NJ; son of Samuel Spier, b. Philadelphia PA; traveled to Bermuda previously; insurance business; planned to visit Jamaica, Costa Rica, Argentine, Brazil, Uruguay & Colombia, leaving NYC on the *Santa Maria* (United Fruit); 5'9 ½ ", medium mouth with moustache, pointed chin, high forehead, partly bald, brown & gray hair, gray eyes, medium complexion, straight nose, oval face, mole on cheek, wears glasses; identified by Abraham L. Heilhover, manufacture/furrier; photo attached.
Stanton, George W.	10/19/1878	Stantonsburg NC	1/14/1920	Wilson NC	Son of George W. Stanton, NC; life insurance & real estate; planned to visit Cuba for recreation, leaving Tampa FL on P.&O.S.S. line; 5'10", medium mouth, round chin, high forehead, brown eyes and hair, medium complexion, medium nose, oval face; identified by James McCants, Tampa FL; photo attached.
Thorne, Isaiah P.	3/10/1885	Wilson NC	5/5/1909	Wilson NC (Berlin, Germany)	Singer; permanent resident of Wilson NC, temporary resident of Berlin, Germany; last left US in 1908; 5'7", full mouth, round chin, low forehead, black hair, brown eyes, colored complexion, broad nose, oval face; photo attached.
Thorne, Isaiah P.	3/10/1885	Wilson NC	7/3/1912	Wilson NC (Saint Petersburg, Russia)	Permanent resident of Wilson NC, temporary resident of Saint Petersburg, Russia; planned to travel in Russia; 5'7", full mouth, round chin, low forehead, black hair, brown eyes, colored complexion, broad nose, oval face; no photo.
Thorne, Isaiah Prophet	3/10/1885	Wilson NC	5/5/1915	Wilson NC (Naples, Italy)	Vaudeville artist; permanent resident of Wilson NC, temporary resident of Naples, Italy; last left US in 1910; planned to visit Italy, Egypt , Tripolitania, Greece, Spain & England for vaudeville work; 5'7", full mouth, round chin, low forehead, black hair, brown eyes, colored complexion, broad nose, oval face; photo attached.

U.S. PASSPORT APPLICANTS, 1795-1925
[Abstracted from Ancestry.com]

Thorne, Isaiah Prophet	3/10/1885	Wilson NC	5/16/1916	Wilson NC (Athens, Greece)	Theatrical artist; permanent resident of Wilson NC, temporary resident of Athens, Greece; last left US in 1912; planned to visit Italy, Egypt, Greece, France, Spain & England on theatrical business; 5'7", full mouth, round chin, low forehead, black hair, brown eyes, colored complexion, broad nose, oval face; photo attached.
Thorne, Isaiah P.	3/10/1885	Wilson NC	1/3/1918	Wilson NC (Saloniki, Greece)	Theatrical performer; permanent resident of Wilson NC, temporary resident of Saloniki, Greece; last left US in 1907; planned to visit Greece, Italy, France, Egypt for theatrical work; 5'7", full mouth, round chin, low forehead, black hair, brown eyes, colored complexion, broad nose, oval face; photo attached.
Watson, Alice Herring	11/23/1902	Wilson NC	6/12/1924	201 W. Goldsboro St., Wilson NC	Daughter of K.W. Watson, b. Wilson NC; teaching; planned to visit France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland & Great Britain, leaving NYC on the *Roussilan*; 5'2", small mouth, small chin, average forehead, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, medium nose, oval face, wears glasses; identified by Dr. A.F. Williams; photo attached.
Watson, Rommie P.	12/27/1867	Warren County NC	6/2/1923	Wilson NC	Son of William Watson, b. NC; tobacconist; planned to visit Great Britain, France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy & Denmark, leaving NYC on the *Aquitaine*; 5'8 ½", average mouth, round chin, high forehead, partially gray hair, gray eyes, dark complexion, normal nose, medium face; identified by C.M. Dozier; photo attached. (Passport to be delivered c/o Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., Inc., 21 E. 40th Street, NYC.)
Whitaker, William P., Jr.	11/27/1894	Raleigh NC	2/26/1923	Wilson NC	Son of William P. Whitaker, b. NC; in France, US Army, 1918-1919; lawyer; planned to visit England, France & Germany for business and pleasure; 5'7", medium mouth, regular chin, high forehead, blond hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, roman nose, full face; identified by T.R. Uzzell, lawyer; photo attached.
Whitehead, Howell Gray	12/24/1874	Wilson NC	2/12/1919	Wilson NC	Son of H.G. Whitehead, b. Pitt County NC; tobacconist; planned to visit Great Britain, France & Belgium on commercial business; 5'10 ½", straight mouth, firm chin, medium high forehead, thin partly bald hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion, medium nose, thin face, mole in front of right ear at edge of hair; identified by H.G. Connor; photo attached.
Woodard, Pauline	8/18/1880	Black Creek NC	6/24/1910	Wilson NC	Unmarried; 5'6 ½", medium mouth, medium chin, high forehead, brown hair and eyes, brunette complexion, roman nose, round face; identified by Roger A. Smith; no photo.

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wife Sally Peoples were living in the same neighborhood.[28] William and Hardy Skinner's sister Sally Skinner White was also there in the area living with Joe and Lou Reason.[29] Queenetta was living with son Hardy, his wife Susan Skinner and their children.[30] The Page and Mercer families where also living within this Skinner clan location.[31]

The William Everette Cemetery

During their years living around the William and Della Ellis Everette farm area, a cemetery was established on the Everette farm just north of the old home place. The graveyard was in use as early as 1882 when William Everette died and was buried there.[32] It is very likely that there were burials there earlier than 1882. This land was Ellis land before William Everette bought his 52 acres farm from them.[33] William Everette's wife Della was A. J. Ellis' sister.[34] It is very likely that some Ellis burials took place there before 1882. A. J. Ellis's first wife may have been buried there too. There are only two Ellis headstones in this graveyard, and they were put there years later by Buster Thigpen's mother Martha Jackson Ellis. They told me personally that the stones at A. J. Ellis and his daughter Drucilla Ellis Perkins' graves were placed there by Martha Ellis.[35] There are over 100 graves in this rural burial ground. Many are unmarked graves.[36]

Mother Virginia Queenetta Webb Skinner

Queenetta Webb Skinner finally succumbed to death on the 20th of November in 1908. She was buried among her family members and friends there in the Everette Graveyard. A small stone marks her grave and records her life span: 14 Jan. 1828--20 Nov. 1908.[37] It is painful not to know the burial location of William Skinner. Queenetta Webb Skinner is today surrounded there in the Everette Cemetery by half her children and their spouses. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren are buried there too. There are many friends and others who later lived and farmed the Everette farm who are buried in the Everette graveyard.[38] Mary G. Skinner Rodgers, Sarah/Sally M. Skinner Webb and William "Willie" G. Skinner are buried in the Stantonsburg Cemetery with some of their family members.[39] Duncan James Skinner is buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson with a few of his family members.[40] All the children of William and Queenetta Skinner are buried in Wilson County.

Listed below are the children and grandchildren of William Skinner and Queenetta Webb:[41]

Mary G. Skinner & Thomas Rodgers

1. Sarah Emma
2. Wiley Gray
3. William Thomas
4. John I.
5. Mollie

Martha "Patsy" Ann Skinner & John Thomas Page

1. King Joseph
2. Willie Thomas
3. George Guy
4. Albert Ralph
5. Sallie Queenettie
6. Walter Grey

Sarah "Sally" Magnolia Skinner & Wiley Webb

1. Magnolia
2. Walter
3. William J.
4. Grover Cleveland
5. Hattie Mae
6. Cora

Melisha Jane Skinner & Franklin Gray Rodgers

1. Appie Cornelia
2. Agness Almeta
3. Lillie G. Jane
4. Calvin Dow
5. Alex Franklin
6. Walter Gray
7. Jackie Ann Della
8. Charlie Eslie
9. Minnie Clyde

Duncan James Skinner & Martha Baker (2nd wife)

1. Welthy

Duncan James Skinner & Betty Sorrow (3rd wife)

1. Emma M.
2. Ida
3. Robert Franklin
4. Addie
5. Jessie Jasper
6. Charles Walton
7. Bertha
8. Mark Lee
9. Lillian May
10. Gladys Virginia
11. Ollin
12. Lonnie
13. Eula Belle

Weltha Skinner & Dennis Mercer

1. Lonnie
2. Sadie
3. Lizzie
4. Daisy
5. Levi William
6. Dennis James
7. Hardy
8. Harvey
9. Nora Agness
10. Infant son
11. Appie
12. Luther Marvin
13. Minnie May
14. Charles Dewitt

William Garner Skinner & Mary Louise Roland (1st wife)

1. Bessie Katie
2. Henry Norman
3. William Lee
4. Mary Florence

William Garner Skinner & Mattie Turnage (2nd wife)

1. Thelma Lee
2. Ronald Hardy
3. Dorothy Mae

Hardy Washington Skinner & Susan Walston (1st wife)

1. Minnie Blanche
2. William J.
3. Mary L.
4. Numa

Hardy Washington Skinner & Sadie Webb (2nd wife)

1. Helen
2. Hardy Webb
3. Jeddie Douglas

Endnotes and comments

0. "My Skinner Pedigree", by Albert R. Page, Sr., *Trees of Wilson*, March 1998, Pg. 4
1. *The Webb Family History*, by Jo Webb, pg. 1
2. *Deaths and Marriages in Tarboro Newspapers*, by Hugh B. Johnston, pg. 54
3. Same as no. 0
4. *The 1830 Federal Census Edgecombe*, by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., no. 1431, (Gardner Skinner) & no. 1432 (Lydia Skinner)
5. *The Webb Family History*, pg. 3 & 7
6. Personal visit to the grave of John Webb, Sr., by this Albert R. Page, Sr.
7. *Marriages of Edgecombe Co.*, by Williams & Griffin, pg. 145
8. Same as no. 4 above, pg. 37 and no. 1022
9. "Joshua Walston & Annie Felton Family", by Albert R. Page, Sr., *Trees of Wilson*, May 2005, pgs. 52-53

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OCTOBER 2008 MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting was held at the Wilson County Library with our president Wanda Taylor presiding. Guests were greeted; the minutes were approved as written in Trees, and Sue Powell gave the treasurer's report which included $192.98 sales, $348.04 income, and expenses of $116.73 for the month.

Sue reported that 70% of the indexing for *Founding Families* has been completed, but no proofing can be done until that is finished. However, progress is being made!!

The slate of officers requiring a vote for the coming year was again announced, the nominees introduced and voted on. They are:

President: Wanda Lamm Taylor
Vice-President: Richard Rountree
Secretary: Frances Roberson
Treasurer: Sue Evans Powell
New board member: Carroll Arthur

Announcements were made; members were reminded about dues, and new members who join now through November will receive the remaining issue of *Trees* for this year in addition to the 2009 issues.

Wanda announced the book sale that ends December 31st (see Announcements).

We were reminded of the forth coming National Genealogical Society annual conference which will be held in Raleigh next May (see Announcements).

After the conclusion of business, Wanda introduced Captain Otis Daughtridge of the Wilson Fire/Rescue Services who made a most interesting presentation on the history of our fire department. Having parents in the antique business obviously influenced his zeal for history. He began collecting fire department articles and artifacts while working on compiling its history. He says it is a work in progress!

There have been 150 years of service which began in 1858; however, it was not organized and was on a "come with what you have basis" for fighting the fires. It was extremely difficult to control the fires and most of them at that time usually burned out.

Bucket brigades, axes, and explosives were used, but no ladders were available, and the lack of water was a big problem. The great Christmas fire, which affected about a dozen business, was in 1878. In 1887, a steam engine was bought; a year later a fire house and new cisterns were built. Fire hydrants were installed in 1892, and in 1906 a new fire station and town hall were constructed.

Equipment was gradually improved, and in August 1938 the fire department was chartered with the state.

Otis showed his photographs and shared the various problems combated through the years, like the unpopular yellow engines. He talked about the fire chiefs, the first paid one being A. L. Lancaster who was chief from 1938-1949.

A plea was made for any information that could be shared: photos, equipment, stories and other things that might help in gathering the fire fighting history of Wilson.

The dream as described by Otis: To restore the old fire station, which is now the Hope Station, to be used for an educational and interactive museum!

It was an interesting program on Wilson's fire station history, and we are thankful to Otis for sharing his work with us.

There was a time for visiting after the program.

Frances W. Roberson

(***William and Queenetta Skinner**, continued from page 118)*

10. *The 1850 Federal Census Edgecombe County, North Carolina*, by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., pg. 37 & no. 1021
11. Same as above, pg. 41 & 1128
12. *The Webb Family History*, pg. 3 & 1
13. See the Greene County 1860 Census for Wm. & Queenetta's family
14. Same as above
15. *Confederate Soldiers From Wilson County*, by H. B. Johnston, Wilson Co. Public Library, NC 973.7 J
16. Same as above under William & Duncan Skinner
17. *The Webb Family History*, Gay Bible, pg. 27
18. *Marriages of Wilson County*, by J. R. Boykin, Vol. II, pg. 602, Mary Skinner & Thomas Rodgers
19. Same as above pg. 733, Sally Skinner & Wiley Webb
20. *Wilson County, North Carolina 1880 Census*, by J. Robert Boykin, III, pgs. 454, 178, 370, & 169
21. Same as no. 18, pg. 638, see Duncan Skinner & Gristie Ellis

22a. Same as above, pg. 475, see Weltha Skinner & Dennis Mercer

22. Same as above, pg. 534, see Martha Skinner & Thomas Page
23. *Bible Records of Early Edgecombe County*, by Williams & Griffin, pgs. 79-80
24. Same as no. 18, pg. 638
25. See Greene County marriage of Hardy W. Skinner to Susan Walston
26. Files of Albert R. Page, Sr.
27. *Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1900*, by Joan L. Howell, pg. 136
28. Same as above, no. 163
29. Same as above, pg. 135, no. 158
30. Same as above, pg. 136, no. 169
31. Same as above, nos. 168 & 165
32. *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries*, Vol. 1, by Joan Howell, pg. 139, see William Everette
33. Deed in the Wilson County Courthouse for William Everette on 11 Jan. 1876
34. Same as 23, pg. 80
35. Person conversation with Buster Thigpen & wife 15 yrs ago
36. Survey by Albert R. Page, Sr., 1990 & same as no. 32, pgs. 138-141
37. Same as 32, pg. 140, see Queenetta Skinner
38. Same as above
39. Same as above, pgs. 176 Mary Rodgers, 183 Sally M. Webb, & 79 William G. Skinner
40. Same as above, Vol. IV, pg. 201 Duncan Skinner
41. Personal records of Albert R. Page, Sr., & *The Webb Family History*, pgs. 94-97

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